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'Journey towards closure'

Bearing witness. Event focuses on telling truths to reconcile, build new relationships between First Nations people and non-native population

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The Saskatchewan National Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) event this weekend at Prairieland Park will be emotional and powerful for every participant.

And, as proven through previous community and national events, sharing truths and bearing witness to them are vital in repairing relationships between First Nations people and the non-native population in Saskatchewan.

"One of the major purposes is for the public to learn from survivors themselves," said the Truth and Reconciliation commissioner, Chief Wilton Littlechild. "It's a legacy that all Canadians need to know about."

The TRC was formed in 2008 as part of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. According to their website, their mandate is to "guide and inspire First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples and Canadians in a process of truth and healing, leading toward reconciliation and renewed relationships based on mutual understanding and respect."

Littlechild says that reconciliation requires the participation of all people who were affected by residential schools.

"We want to know what can be done to improve relations," he said. "We need to work on repairing respectful relationships."

The TRC event coincides with a number of ceremonies across the city for National Aboriginal Day and Treaty Day. But, Littlechild adds, the timing also allows for students and youth to attend.

"If the youth get to know the story, they will be able to continue the important work on reconciliation in the future," said Littlechild.

While the event is open to the public, members from Saskatchewan's religious communities, which historically ran the residential schools, will be present as well.

Bishop David Irving from the Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon said that parishioners and clergy have already been participating in community events across the province.

"It's hard to say what will happen this weekend, but so far it has been an opportunity for people to express how they've been hurt and for others to listen," said Irving.

"For many participants this will be the very first time they have told their story. The hope is that the process will help those who have been hurt find some closure."

Irving said that the diocese, as well as other dioceses in Saskatchewan, has been encouraging both clergy and parishioners to participate in the national event.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to walk with them on their journey towards closure," Irving said.

This event is the fourth out of seven mandated national events and the public is strongly encouraged to attend.

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Nearly 100 people marched along the Meewasin Trail in Saskatoon Wednesday to help raise awareness about the high number of aboriginal children who die or are hurt while in the government's care every year. Members from the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations are calling this the new form of residential school. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

March of commemoration

Linking the past and present

Nearly 100 people marched from Victoria Park to Kinsmen Park Wednesday, commemorating aboriginal children who die every year while in foster care and group homes.

While the march is not directly linked to this weekend's Truth and Reconciliation event, Martin Paul with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations said that it's good timing because the foster-care system is today's residential school.

"Currently there are more children in care in Canada than there were children in residential schools," said Paul. "I think that largely the number of children in care right now can be attributed to the residential schools."

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Festivals. Get ready for summer in the 306

Summer is here, opening the floodgates for the city's many cultural, arts and music festivals. Here is a sampling:

Saskatchewan Jazz Festival (June 22-July 1)
Past headliners include Tegan and Sara, De La Soul, Colin James and Diana Krall and the 2012 lineup is equally impressive, with the likes of the Roots, Feist and Janelle Monáe. See Metro's complete coverage in the weekend paper.

WakeRide (July 6-8)
Three days of wakeboard competition will pit the city's elite wakeboarders against each other along the riverfront. Musicians K'naan and Jurassic 5's Chali 2na will perform.

Taste of Saskatchewan (July 10-15)
Attend Taste of Saskatchewan on an empty stomach. The city's premier culinary event features signature dishes from roughly 30 city restaurants. Devour everything from pad thai and calamari to butter chicken.

Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan (July 11-Aug. 26)
The annual theatre festival features some of the city's best actors and dramatists, while celebrating the work of the Bard. Under the shelter of massive tents, watch the tragedy of Hamlet and the comedic problem play As You Like It.

Saskatoon Fringe Theatre Festival (Aug. 2-11)
The Fringe is a staple of summer, showcasing local and nationally celebrated playwrights. Broadway Avenue pulsates with street vendors, performers and musicians. You haven't experienced summer in Saskatoon until you've strolled down Broadway during the Fringe.

Saskatoon Reggae and World Music Festival (Aug. 9-12)
A new addition to the summer scene, Reggae Fest brings together musicians from across the globe along with local talent. Past performers include Jason Wilson and Tabarruk, Mickey Dangerous, Culture Brown, Daddy Roy, Natural Mistik, Oral Fuentes and others.

Folkfest (Aug. 16-18)
It's always a party at Folkfest, which features 16 pavilions with food, dance, music and entertainment from around the world, including Laos, Norway, Brazil, the Philippines, Bangledash and more.

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Charissma DeeDee McDonald, sentenced to almost two years in a provincial corrections institution, is escorted to a police car behind the Queen's Bench courthouse on Wednesday afternoon. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Jail time sends 'strong message' about neglect

Child death. Mother failed to take ill daughter to doctor, fearing social services would take her children

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Charissma DeeDee McDonald, who pleaded guilty to criminal negligence in November 2011, will go to jail for two years less a day, a Queen's Bench judge pronounced on Wednesday afternoon.

McDonald was charged after her 16-month-old daughter, Shatoya Cheyenne Chatelaine, died of impetigo contagiosa, a skin infection that can cause cellulitis and a fatal blood-borne infection.

Court documents say McDonald called emergency services on Dec. 11, 2006, saying the child was not breathing. When MD Ambulance personnel arrived, it was "apparent that Shatoya Chatelaine had already been deceased for a while," the documents say.

A forensic pathologist who performed an autopsy noted four separate rib fractures from two separate incidents. The court also noted the child's body was covered in bruises incurred at different times.

After reviewing autopsy photos, another doctor said there was "absolutely no fat on Shatoya."

McDonald admitted she didn't take the child to the doctor because she was afraid Shatoya and her other children would be taken by social services.

She said she was trying to make Shatoya better on her own and then planned on giving the child back to her foster parents, saying she felt the child "had not bonded with her."

McDonald spoke at the sentencing, noting she had a hard life growing up and turned to the street for moral support at a young age. "If I could do it over, I would have definitely done things differently," she said.

She finished her statement by saying, "For all of the hurt and pain, I am sorry."

Reaction

Laying Shatoya to rest

Shatoya's foster parent, Gayle Warkentin, was at the courthouse and said she was relieved the sentence has been decided.

"I think it was appropriate," she said. "It was devastating when we found out the causes of her death, but now we can lay that to rest and that feels really good."

Senior Crown lawyer Sheryl Fillo said the judge's ruling sends a "strong message" that criminal negligence is a serious crime. She said the sentence was appropriate.

"This was not a mother that did not know how to parent — she knew how to parent, she knew how to parent well. She chose not to seek medical attention for this child due to her own interest in not having her other children taken away," Fillo said.

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Chris Getzlaf
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Roughriders. Team signs veteran slotback Getzlaf to contract extension

The Saskatchewan Roughriders have rewarded slotback Chris Getzlaf for a breakout 2012 season.

The CFL club signed the veteran receiver to a contract extension on Tuesday.

Getzlaf, entering his fifth season with the Riders, established career highs last year with 60 catches for 1,071 yards and 10 touchdowns. He was Saskatchewan's nominee for the CFL's top Canadian award.

Getzlaf , 29, of Regina, was selected in the fifth round, 33rd overall, by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the 2007 CFL Canadian college draft. The Ticats dealt Getzlaf and running back Corey Holmes for Jason Armstead on Aug. 19, 2007.

Getzlaf played college football at the University of Regina. He has registered 171 career CFL catches for 2,795 yards and 23 touchdowns.

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On the web

It makes him wanna shout

One crazy fan took his love of fame (and video bombing) to a whole new level when he rudely interrupted Webb Simpson's interview after his 2012 U.S. Open win. Go to metronews.ca to watch the now-infamous screech.

Calling coupledom quits after 115 years

The media went into a frenzy after receiving news that a pair of giant Galapagos tortoises, Bibi and Poldi, were breaking up after 115 years together. Go to metronews.ca to see the love affair in photos.

Mobile news

A new survey of young Canadians suggests many believe there are benefits to giving their credit cards an active workout, but they may be overlooking some of the consequences when it's time to pay up. Scan the code to read the story.

Keep lit' and have Funk: Local author launching new novel

Critical acclaim.
Cherry Blossoms is Funk's third novel following Dead Rock Stars and Baggage

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Grain elevators, wheat fields and the Dirty '30s are synonymous with Saskatchewan literature.

However, Saskatoon author Wes Funk's newest novel, Cherry Blossoms, does not succumb to traditional Saskatchewan literary themes. Rather, Funk's work focuses on the human condition of what it means to be a Prairie dweller.

"There's a lot of great writing going on in Saskatchewan but I didn't think that the real everyday life of Prairie culture has been captured a whole lot. I don't think the real struggle of everyday people has been tackled," said Funk.

Cherry Blossoms is Funk's third novel following Dead Rock Stars and Baggage.

2008's Dead Rock Stars earned Funk critical acclaim. The novel is now being taught in a University of Saskatchewan gender-studies course and his books are available across Canada.

Much of Funk's work is semi-autobiographical and the 236-page Cherry Blossoms is no exception.

Unlike Dead Rock Stars and Baggage, which feature male protagonists, Cherry Blossoms uses a female vantage point. Funk, who grew up in a Mennonite household, said his newest work is a definite example of feminism, labelling Cherry Blossoms as "pure girl power."

"It's about a character named Cherry Markowsky. She is 38 years old and she goes through a life change — her son leaves home for university and her marriage breaks down and she's out there on the farm wondering what's it all about and what's her purpose in the world.

"One day she just has a temper tantrum, she grabs her dog and she gets in her truck and she moves to Saskatoon."

Alice Kuipers, partner to famous Saskatoon-based author Yann Martel, is a contemporary realistic young-adult novelist who has mentored Funk in the past.

She has read Cherry Blossoms and been charmed by Funk's protagonist.

"The main character is largely believable, charming, troubled — exactly the sort of person you want to spend an afternoon with over a glass of wine," said Kuipers.

Kuipers also termed Funk's prose as "clear and fluid."

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Lit' Happens: Provincial literature

One of Saskatoon's up-and-coming young writers, Funk, 43, also hosts his own television program on Shaw entitled Lit' Happens, which promotes Saskatchewan's literary landscape.

Funk will launch Cherry Blossoms at McNally and Robinson on 8th Street in Saskatoon at 7:30 p.m. on June 21. Journalist Craig Silliphant and singer Kirby Criddle will also be on hand to speak and entertain launch-goers.

Saskatoon author Wes Funk's newest novel, Cherry Blossoms, which delves into the daily struggles of Saskatchewan life, will launch at McNally and Robinson on June 21. CONTRIBUTED/DARWIN WAGNER

Wet weather causes problems for homeowners, businesses

Fred Kwan, who owns the Home Hardware on Central Avenue, says the rain has slowed down business. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Due to wet weather over the last three years, Saskatchewan's water table has topped out and now people across the province could be suffering the effects of water damage.

Dale Hjertaas, a spokesperson with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, said with recent amounts of rain, houses in the province might be more prone to flooding as the province's water table is at levels roughly 150 to 200 per cent above average across southern Saskatchewan.

"The water table is rising in places because we've had a lot of rain for the last three years, but the situation with the water table varies fairly substantially from place to place," said Hjertaas. "It doesn't matter where you are, the soil's wet."

With the heavy levels of rainwater, moisture seeps into the space between the concrete wall of the basement and the ground itself, which could result in flooding.

Homeowners aren't the only ones who are feeling the effects of recent rain. Some business owners, like Fred Kwan, who owns the Home Hardware on Central Avenue, says the rain has slowed the usual summertime spike that makes up roughly 30 per cent of his sales.

"People can't get into their yards, they can't get into their gardens, they can't do any outside work, so on that end we've lost a lot of sales," said Kwan. "Lawn and gardening are a very high point in my sales."

Kwan noted sales of materials like stains and paints are also down, but said they have seen an increase in the amount of eavestrough being sold. He added that one of the most important steps to prevent flooding in a home is to direct water away from the house and to ensure eavestroughs and gutters are clear.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Red Pheasant reserve

Protest camp formed outside band office

Several women from the Red Pheasant First Nation in Saskatchewan have set up camp outside the band office while the chief and a few dozen elders hold a meeting inside.

They say they want change on the reserve near the Battlefords.

Chief Stewart Baptiste says the protesters aren't happy that he beat two other candidates in the last band election.

But the protesters say Baptiste's recent court appearances and substance-abuse charges are setting a poor example for the community.

Band Coun. Sandra Arias says her group wants the First Nation to ban drinking on the reserve, establish a housing authority and call a general band meeting. She says those requests have been ignored by the chief and council.

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Budget

Province cuts full-time kindergarten

Budget tightening is forcing the Saskatoon Public Schools board to close the book on full-time, everyday kindergarten.

Chairman Ray Morrison says the board expects to save $1.3 million by cutting the program.

It was introduced in Saskatoon in 2005 and targeted schools in communities where young people are more at risk.

Morrison says it made a significant difference in their lives.

The program was never funded by the province and the board has been using grants and taxes to pay for it.

Morrison says schools need that money to cope with increased enrolment as more people move to Saskatoon and to address a diverse student population that needs English as a second language.

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Luka Rocco Magnotta is taken by police from a Canadian military plane to a waiting van on Monday in Mirabel, Que.
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Luka Magnotta is well known, but who is Eric Newman?

Less chronicled. After his not-guilty plea Tuesday, Magnotta is in the spotlight he apparently desired

The world knows Luka Rocco Magnotta all too well.

His exploits, whether real or imagined, whether alleged by police or conjured up in his own mind, have been detailed by media outlets around the globe.

It appears the 29-year-old man accused of killing, dismembering and partially cannibalizing a Montreal university student wanted it that way.

Magnotta appeared to live much of his life online, using the Internet to cultivate a dark and twisted, yet sexual image.

Dozens of profiles

- Born Eric Clinton Newman on July 24, 1982, Magnotta shed his original identity with a name change in 2006.
- He has also gone by the aliases Vladimir Romanov and Jimmy, set up dozens of online usernames and maintained 70 Facebook pages and 20 websites, police said.
- A 1,200-word post by a Vladimir Romanov on a Psych Central "I hate my mother" forum rants and rails against the poster's mom.

It's an image that's likely here to stay now that he has been whisked back to Canada on charges including first-degree murder, defiling a corpse, and harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

His pre-Magnotta life is far less chronicled online, but, perhaps unsurprisingly, he did seem to leave some clues.

Before he was accused of killing 33-year-old Jun Lin, suspected of posting video of the aftermath online and mailing body parts to political parties and schools, before a rumour surfaced that he dated Karla Homolka — a rumour many believe he started — and before a video was posted on YouTube showing a man suspected to be Magnotta killing kittens, he was just Eric Newman.

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U.S. woman convicted of directing husband's death

A U.S. woman was found guilty Wednesday of orchestrating the killings of her millionaire husband and his mother in a grab for the family estate.

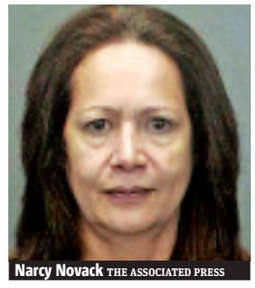
A federal jury convicted Ecuador-born Narcy Novack on counts alleging she caused the 2009 beatings of Ben Novack Jr. in a New York City hotel room and Bernice Novack at her Florida home.

Ben Novack Jr.'s father built the storied Fontainebleau hotel in Miami Beach, a celebrity hangout in the 1950s and '60s that appeared in the movies Scarface and Goldfinger.

Novack and her brother, Ecuador-born Cristobal Veliz, both were convicted of charges including racketeering, domestic violence, stalking, money laundering and witness tampering.

Both were acquitted of the charge of murder in aid of racketeering, which would have carried a mandatory life sentence. They still face sentences of up to life in prison. Sentencing is set for Nov. 1.

Prosecutors said Novack and Veliz were motivated by "jealousy, retribution and greed" when they hired the Miami thugs who carried out the killings. They said Novack feared that her husband, who was having an affair, would divorce her and that a prenuptial agreement would bar her from the multimillion-dollar family estate.



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Khadr's legal team to urge transfer

Press conference. Unlike Khadr's previous lawyers, current group has kept a low profile

Omar Khadr
THE CANADIAN PRESS

The federal government was sticking to its lines about the delayed transfer of convicted war criminal Omar Khadr from Guantanamo Bay on the eve of a Thursday news conference by his normally taciturn legal team.

Two months after an official request by the Americans to take Khadr off their hands, Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said there was nothing new to say about the case.

"I've made no decision in that. I'll make a decision in due course, in accordance with the law."

That's been Ottawa's line ever since it became clear that the Americans were seeking to have the Toronto-born Khadr transferred to Canada to serve out the rest of his sentence.

Khadr, 25, pleaded guilty in October 2010 to war crimes committed in Afghanistan in 2002 as a 15-year-old — including murder, in violation of the rules of war.

In return for his plea before a widely maligned military commission, he was sentenced to eight years, with one year to be served in Guantanamo Bay. He was eligible for transfer last October.

Earlier this year, sources said the transfer — in accordance with promises Ottawa made at the time of Khadr's plea bargain — was on track to happen by the end of May. That hasn't happened.

On Wednesday, Khadr's legal team — Canadian lawyers John Norris and Brydie Bethell, and his Pentagon-appointed lawyers Lt.-Col. Jon Jackson and Maj. Matthew Schwartz — announced they would hold a news conference in Ottawa to update the public on the delayed transfer.

They are to be joined by Sen. Romeo Dallaire, a longtime advocate for child soldiers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP Act. Top Mountie needs more disciplinary powers, minister says

The federal government wants to arm the RCMP commissioner with greater powers to discipline or even fire people who give the force a bad name.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews says there is too much red tape in the current process for weeding out wrongdoers.

"There's no doubt that changes are needed," he told a news conference, flanked by RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson.

"The RCMP Act has not been significantly amended for over 25 years."

Toews announced proposed changes Wednesday, intended to untie Paulson's hands as he looks into complaints.

Several female RCMP officers have come forward since Cpl. Catherine Galliford went public in November with allegations of harassment within the force in British Columbia.

Men have also complained of abusive behaviour and intimidation.

Paulson, who took over as commissioner late last year, says ridding the force of dark-hearted behaviour is one of his priorities.

He recently expressed frustration about the bureaucratic barriers to doing so.

The legislation introduced Wednesday — as the House of Commons prepared to rise for the summer — also includes measures to modernize the watchdog that handles public complaints about the RCMP and enhance transparency when Mounties themselves are under police investigation.

Toews said the RCMP's current disciplinary procedures are outdated and inefficient.
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Immigration law

New legislation curbs deportation appeals

New legislation introduced Wednesday by the Conservative government gives greater powers to the immigration and public safety ministers to determine who gets to come and stay in Canada. The Faster Removal of Foreign Criminals Act seeks to cut off avenues for convicted criminals to appeal their deportation.
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Report leaked

PM's security detail thrust into spotlight

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson decried Wednesday the leak of an internal report that raised concerns about the prime minister's security detail, calling it "unlawful."

And Paulson also conceded it might boil down to a case of payback against the officer in charge of the unit.

The leak of the management report to Radio-Canada this week thrust a normally low-profile unit into the spotlight. Members of the prime minister's office past and present sprung to the defence of Supt. Bruno Saccomani, saying he had actually brought improvements to the unit.

The management review included interviews with 41 per cent of the 116-member unit, and said a majority of members reported problems with their boss, including intimidation and favouritism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thailand deaths

Bodies of Canadian sisters released

The bodies of two Canadian sisters who died in Thailand are expected to arrive home Thursday, a relative said.

Their uncle said that because preliminary autopsies have already been completed, Thai medical authorities have agreed to release the bodies of Audrey and Noemi Belanger, who died under mysterious circumstances.
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Terror in Toulouse — again

Hostages saved. French police storm bank in city where seven people were killed by terrorist gunman in March

A hostage-taking Wednesday left the French city of Toulouse traumatized for the second time in three months.

Police stormed a bank and captured a gunman who took four of its employees hostage.

Tensions have been high in Toulouse since March, when a gunman who claimed links to the al-Qaida terror network killed three Jewish schoolchildren, a rabbi and three paratroopers.

That was France's worst terrorist attack in years, and led to a crackdown on suspected Islamist radicals around France.

This time, officials waved off reports the latest suspect had ties to al-Qaida, saying he had psychiatric problems.

Prosecutor Michel Valet said the gun, used twice during the six-hour ordeal, fired only rubber bullets, and the gunman had no police record.

The hostages were released unharmed, while the suspect was hospitalized with two bullet wounds in the left hand and left thigh.

Among those moved to safety in the area were four- and five-year-old children from a private language school next to the bank.

The Prefect of the Haute-Garonne region, Henri-Michel Comet, said 150 police were mobilized, 30 of them from the elite GIPN squad.

Valet said during negotiations that the gunman wanted to advertise the religious motivation behind his act.

"The hostage-taker wants us to make it known that he is acting not for money, and that his motivations come from his religious conviction," Valet said.

He did not say what faith the gunman adheres to.

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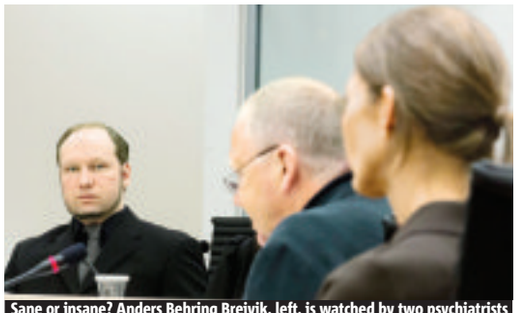
City in fear

"I'm worried about the climate that reigns in this city."

Fearful Doriane Clermont, 23, who lives with her three-year-old son across the street from the bank.

Police secure the area after a gunman took four people hostage in a Toulouse bank Wednesday. BRUNO MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court ready to debate the state of Breivik's brain



Sane or insane? Anders Behring Breivik, left, is watched by two psychiatrists during his mass-murder trial. HEIKO JUNGE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Do prosecutors think confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik is insane or not?

They're not saying — for now.

But "the decision has been made," prosecutor Svein Holden told reporters in Norway on Wednesday.

Closing arguments begin Thursday in a trial that has captivated Norway since the middle of April.

Ultimately, judges will decide Breivik's mental state when they hand down a verdict in July or August.

Breivik, a self-described anti-Muslim militant, has admitted he carried out the bombing and shooting rampage that left 77 people dead in July, so guilt is not an issue.

The main issue is whether to send the 33-year-old Norwegian to a prison or a mental institution.

Weeks of fractious testimony from mental-health experts suggest it's a complicated decision — and Breivik's behaviour in court has not made it any easier.

At the end of Wednesday's Oslo hearing, Breivik complained not enough attention was given to his suffering at seeing Norway become a multicultural society.

"This case is about Norway's future, and Europe's future, and these were themes they should have addressed," he said.

He added it was "a traumatic experience ... to be stigmatized as a narrow-minded Islamophobe and a right-wing extremist."

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Pivotal week

Prosecutors will present their views on Breivik's mental state on Thursday. The defence will get its chance Friday.

- **Panel.** The five judges have at least a month to deliberate before delivering a verdict.
- **Jail.** If found sane, Breivik faces a 21-year term.

Pilot's friend?

French man with 9-11 tie arrested in Pakistan

Pakistan has arrested a French man reportedly linked to one of the masterminds of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Naamen Meziche was captured in a raid in the Baluchistan region near the border with Iran, officials said.

Reports say Meziche was a friend of Mohammed Atta, who piloted American Airlines Flight 11 into the World Trade Center. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chicago summit

Three accused of planning attack on Obama HQ

Three NATO summit protesters face four terrorism-related counts after being accused of planning to attack U.S. President Barack Obama's campaign headquarters in Chicago with Molotov cocktails.

The charges were revealed by defence attorneys. Brian Church, 20, Jared Chase, 24, and Brent Vincent Betterly, 24, were arrested before the summit in Chicago.

State's attorneys had said they would only disclose the indictment at the arraignment.

But defence attorneys obtained the indictment this week from the Cook County Circuit Court clerk's office, said Sarah Gelsomino, one of Church's attorneys.

"This is highly unusual behaviour that, at every stage, prosecutors have refused to talk to us," she said Wednesday.

"It is symbolic that we couldn't even get the indictment directly from prosecutors themselves.''

Defence attorneys have said all three men intend to enter not-guilty pleas at their July 2 arraignment.

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LeRoy Neiman

Artist sketched top sports events in an instant

Painter and sketch artist LeRoy Neiman, who captured the energy of the world's biggest sporting events with bright quick strokes, died Wednesday at age 91.

In 1972, he sketched the world chess tournament between Boris Spassky and Bobby Fischer for a live television audience.

He also produced live drawings of the Olympics for TV.

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Civilians killed

U.S. dodging drone questions, UN official says

A United Nations human-rights expert accused the U.S. government Wednesday of sidestepping his questions on its use of armed drones to carry out targeted killings overseas.

Christof Heyns, the UN's independent investigator on extrajudicial killings, had asked the United States to lay out the legal basis and accountability procedures for the use of armed drones.

He also wanted the U.S. to publish figures on the number of civilians killed in drone strikes against suspected terror leaders in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen and elsewhere.

Heyns said in Geneva on Wednesday he was still waiting for a satisfactory reply.

"I don't think we have the full answer to the legal framework; we certainly don't have the answer to the accountability issues," he told reporters.

The U.S. use of armed drones has provoked anger abroad, particularly in Pakistan, where human-rights groups say innocent people have been among the victims of the strikes.

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New Greek PM to uphold euro bailout commitments

Greece's newly sworn-in Prime Minister Antonis Samaras waves to supporters in Athens on Wednesday. KOSTAS TSIRONIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New government for Greece. Conservative party chief sworn in as prime minister leading a three-party coalition

Greek conservative party head Antonis Samaras was sworn in as prime minister Wednesday at the helm of a three-party coalition that will uphold the country's international bailout commitments.

The move ends a protracted political crisis that had cast grave doubt over the country's future in Europe's joint currency and threatened to plunge the continent deeper into a financial crisis with global repercussions.

But the new government still has massive challenges ahead: It must deliver on pledges by its predecessors to generate huge new savings, privatize publicly owned companies and real estate, cut about 150,000 civil-service jobs in coming years and open restricted professions to competition.

Samaras, a U.S.-educated 61-year-old economist, was sworn in three days after his New Democracy party won the second national elections in six weeks but without enough votes to form a government on its own. He is Greece's fourth prime minister in eight months.

The conservatives will join forces with the socialist PASOK party, which came in third place, and the smaller Democratic Left led by Fotis Kouvelis. Discussions on the lineup of ministers were to be completed by Wednesday.

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Fraud allegations. Delay in announcing winner of Egyptian election

Egyptian election officials delayed the announcement of the winner of Egypt's presidential election, which had been expected Thursday, and gave no date for a decision, hiking tension as allegations of fraud swirled and each candidate declared he was the victor.

Amid the atmosphere of political confusion, the Muslim Brotherhood claimed there was an organized campaign of allegations against it to mar the election and keep its candidate, Mohammed Morsi, out of the presidency. The accusation raises temperatures and the possibility of a backlash from the Brotherhood if its rival — former prime minister Ahmed Shafiq — is declared the winner.

On top of the potentially explosive dispute over the election is murkiness over the latest health scare of the 84-year-old former dictator Hosni Mubarak. State media reported that he suffered a stroke. Mubarak was ousted last year and is now in jail.

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Wildfire

Greek firefighter dies battling blaze in air-force base

A Greek firefighter died Wednesday while helping to battle a large wildfire inside an air-force base west of Athens, authorities say.

A fire department statement said the 28-year-old felt unwell and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Greek air-force spokesman Constantinos Grapsas said the blaze is not endangering installations at the Elefsina base — primarily used by firefighting and transport planes.

Grapsas said 40 fire engines, seven water-dropping aircraft, one helicopter and 160 firefighters are battling the blaze.

Meanwhile, two firefighters were hospitalized after being injured while battling a separate fire in Salamis, an island off the southern port of Piraeus.

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Suicide bombing

3 U.S. troops, 15 Afghans may have died: Officials

Pentagon officials say as many as three U.S. troops and 15 Afghans may have been killed in a suicide bombing in eastern Afghanistan.

Officials spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because details of the incident were sketchy and the officials weren't authorized to talk about it publicly.

Early reports from Afghans said a car packed with explosives rammed into vehicles in an international military convoy.

But U.S. Defence Department officials say it's not clear whether it was a convoy.

A suicide vest is suspected to have been used.

While the Americans believed killed were all military, U.S. officials say the Afghans were security and civilian. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Torrential downpour strikes Minnesota

A car sits in a giant sinkhole in Duluth, Minn., Wednesday. Residents fled their homes and animals escaped from pens at a zoo as floods fed by a steady torrential downpour struck northeastern Minnesota, inundating the city of Duluth. THE STAR TRIBUNE, BRIAN PETERSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dinosaurs with a difference invade museum

Toronto show. Ancient creatures from the Southern Hemisphere include one that weighed as much as 10 elephants

This prehistoric dinosaur will be on display at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto starting Saturday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Some of the largest and most unusual dinosaurs from the Southern Hemisphere will be making their Canadian debut at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum this summer.

The museum will open its new exhibit, Ultimate Dinosaurs: Giants from Gondwana, to the public on Saturday.

It features fossils, skeletons and 17 full-scale skeletal casts of dinosaurs that evolved in isolation in Gondwana, a continent formed when the supercontinent of Pangea split in half.

These dinosaurs look different from the Northern Hemisphere dinosaurs that Canadian and American audiences are used to seeing.

The exhibit uses Augmented Reality technology that allows visitors to scan the creatures through a tablet screen to see them become animated and covered in skin.

The exhibit includes Futalognkosaurus, the largest dinosaur ever mounted in Canada. It's 33.5 metres long and weighed as much as 10 elephants when it roamed the earth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Do Not Kill registry mocks U.S. drone-strikes list

In the crosshairs. Website creator raises questions about U.S. foreign policy and human-rights abuses

How do you ensure your name doesn't mistakenly land on U.S. President Barack Obama's list of people to be captured or killed by a drone strike? Add yourself to the Do Not Kill registry, of course.

As controversy over Obama's recently exposed official "kill list" and expanding drone program spreads, a satirical website has launched a registry to "help give people around the world the peace of mind urgently needed during these times of escalating drone conflict."

The "National Agency for Ethical Drone-Human Interactions, identified on the website as the group behind the initiative, launched the Do Not Kill registry as a way to "avoid accidental casualties in our mission to make the world a safe place for democracy and free enterprise."

The registry does not guarantee your safety, however, only that an "additional review process will be undertaken before you are labeled an enemy militant and added to the national kill list," according to the site.

Yes, it's a spoof.

But Ian Alan Paul, the 27-year-old University of California PhD student behind the website, said he hoped the site would highlight the controversial use of military drones in warfare — what he called an "egregious violation of human dignity and rights."

A New York Times exposé published in late May revealed that Obama personally presides over "kill lists," evaluating targets and approving strikes, in his country's drone war on terrorist groups. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

An unmanned U.S. Predator drone flies over Kandahar Air Field, southern Afghanistan. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fast and Furious

U.S. attorney general found in contempt

Republicans escalated a high-profile clash with U.S. President Barack Obama in a case of a botched gun-running investigation by voting Wednesday to hold his Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt for failing to turn over Justice Department documents.

The vote followed a decision by Obama earlier in the day to assert the rarely used presidential power of executive privilege for the first time in his administration in order to protect the confidentiality of the documents.

The committee wants documents that explain how the department learned of problems with the Operation Fast and Furious probe along the Mexican border. But Obama decided to withhold them.

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Cape Canaveral

Top-secret satellite launched in Florida

The U.S. Air Force has launched a rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla., carrying a top-secret satellite.

The unmanned Atlas V rocket lifted off Wednesday morning. On board was a satellite belonging to the National Reconnaissance Office.

The NROL-38 satellite is the first of three critical missions scheduled to launch within the next two months.

A launch attempt Monday failed and was delayed two days following replacement of an environmental-control-system duct that failed near its connection to a mobile-launch platform.

For security reasons, officials refused to provide any further details of the satellite, its mission or whether it reached orbit.

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When East meets West

Prince Charles receives the Dalai Lama at Clarence House on Wednesday in London. The exiled Buddhist Tibetan leader is taking part in a weeklong tour of the United Kingdom. GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

Sticking up for environment a deadly practice

Report. Killings of environmentalists appear to be rising as conflict over shrinking resources intensifies

The eulogies called Chut Wutty one of the few remaining activists in Cambodia brave enough to fight massive illegal deforestation by the powerful. The environmental watchdog was shot by a military policeman in April as he probed logging operations in one of the country's last great forests.

Nisio Gomes was the chief of a Brazilian tribe struggling to protect its land from ranchers. Masked men gunned him down in November; His body, quickly dragged into a pickup, has not been seen since.

Around the world, sticking up for the environment can be deadly, and it appears to be getting deadlier.

People who track killings of activists say the numbers have risen dramatically in the last three years.

Improved reporting may be one reason, they caution, but they also believe the rising death toll is a consequence of intensifying battles over dwindling supplies of natural resources, particularly in Latin America and Asia.

A report released Tuesday by the London-based Global Witness said more than 700 people — more than one a week — died in the decade ending 2011 "defending their human rights or the rights of others related to the environment, specifically land and forests."

They were killed, the environmental investigation group says, during protests or investigations into mining, logging, intensive agriculture, hydropower dams, urban development and wildlife poaching.

The death toll reached 96 in 2010 and 106 last year, said the report, which was released as world leaders gathered in Rio de Janeiro for a conference on sustainable development.

The report's annual totals for the six prior years range from 37 in 2004 to 64 in 2008.

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By the numbers

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Killings have occurred in at least 34 countries, from Brazil to Egypt, and in both developing and developed nations, according to an Associated Press review of data and interviews.

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A long-awaited honour

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi looks up as she arrives in a procession at an award ceremony at Oxford University in England on Wednesday. Suu Kyi was being honored at the university's Encaenia ceremony, where it presents honorary degrees to distinguished people. Suu Kyi, who is making her first visits outside of her native country in 24 years, was awarded the honorary doctorate in civil law in 1993, but was unable to collect it because she was under house arrest in Myanmar.

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1996 killing. Former butcher executed for murder in Mississippi

Mississippi has executed a former grocery-store butcher for dismembering a man and raping a woman he locked in a metal box.

Authorities say 49-year-old Gary Carl Simmons Jr. was pronounced dead Wednesday. He was convicted of the Aug. 12, 1996, killing of Jeffery Wolfe, who was shot, dismembered and his body parts scattered in a bayou.

Simmons also was convicted of kidnapping and raping Wolfe's female friend and sentenced to two life terms on those charges. He was the sixth Mississippi inmate executed this year.

Simmons' former brother-in-law, Timothy Milano, also was convicted of killing Wolfe, who drove to Mississippi from Houston with the woman to collect a drug debt. Milano received a life sentence.

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Chinese dissident kept away from court

Intimidation campaign. Outspoken artist Ai Weiwei can't attend hearing on lawsuit against tax authorities

Police barred artist Ai Weiwei from a hearing on his company's lawsuit against Beijing tax authorities and blocked filming at the courthouse Wednesday as part of an intimidation campaign against the outspoken government critic.

Ai told reporters that police had ordered him to stay away from the court, and that he complied.

Chinese authorities detained Ai for three months last year and his design company was ordered to pay about $2.4 million US worth of back taxes and fines, in a penalty interpreted by activists as punishment for his criticism of the authoritarian government.

The company has appealed the fine and separately filed a lawsuit that accuses the tax bureau of violating laws in handling witnesses, evidence and company accounts in the case. To the surprise of many, the lawsuit was accepted.

Ai's wife, Lu Qing, who is the legal representative of his design company, attended the hearing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The artist

- Ai Weiwei is a sculptor, photographer and installation artist who has increasingly used his art and online profile to draw attention to injustices in Chinese society and the need for greater transparency and rule of law in China.

Ai Weiwei, second from left, is stopped by a plainclothes policeman while he argues with another policeman, foreground, outside his home in Beijing on Wednesday. ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bahrain. Boy, 11, remains behind bars over charges of joining illegal gathering

A Bahrain court on Wednesday delayed a verdict in the case of an 11-year-old boy accused of taking part in anti-government protests. The new date for a ruling is July 5.

The boy, who was in court alongside his father, spent a month behind bars and took his final school exams there. The boy, Ali Hasan, faces charges of joining an illegal gathering and other claims related to the unrest in the troubled Gulf nation. Defence lawyer Shahzalan Khamis has asked the court to drop the charges.

The boy is one of the youngest suspects detained in crackdowns on protests led by Bahrain's Shiite majority, which seeks a greater political voice from the ruling Sunni dynasty.

The government on Wednesday defended its handling of the Hasan case. It said an investigation concluded the youngster was arrested for blocking a road in June and was held in police custody for only six hours. He was in juvenile detention for the next month.

It also insisted there has been no "intentional focus" to arrest children in the anti-government protests. The government statement said the numbers of children in its juvenile detention centre has averaged around 15 since the beginning of the year. It said in most cases, children remain there only for several weeks, with the most serious offenders staying for a year.

More than 50 people have died in Bahrain's upheavals since February 2011.

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A man rides his bicycle past a row of burning tires set by anti-government protesters Thursday in the eastern island of Sitra, Bahrain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Debt dispute

U.S. businessman trapped in China

A Missouri man involved in a business dispute has been stuck in China for five months after the Chinese government refused to let him leave.

The Chinese government forced Steve Fleischli of Labadie, Mo., to surrender his passport in a dispute over his company's unpaid debt to Chinese firms. Complicating matters is that he has lost his job since going to China on business in January. The State Department declined comment on his case, but its website says there is little it can do to intervene on behalf of Americans in situations like Fleischli's, which can take years to resolve.

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Colombia

Man sentenced for killing 2 priests

A Colombian judge has sentenced a man to more than 40 years in prison for murdering two Bogota priests who allegedly paid him to end their lives.

Gilberto Penate had confessed to shooting to death Roman Catholic Revs. Rafael Reatiga and Richard Piffano in early 2011 and making it appear like a robbery. Prosecutors say Reatiga was suffering from AIDS and syphilis and prosecutors determined that the priests had paid Penate and another gunman $8,400 US to kill them. Penate said when he met with Reatiga to discuss arrangements for the killings, the priest was in distress. Prosecutors said Reatiga had been seen in gay bars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Experts question science behind 9-11 cancer fund

Fallout. Influx of new beneficiaries could lessen payouts for victims suffering from asthma, lung disease

Call it compassionate, even political. But ... scientific? Several experts say there's no hard evidence to support the U.S. federal government's declaration this month that 50 kinds of cancer could be caused by exposure to World Trade Center dust.

The decision could help hundreds of people get payouts from a multibillion-dollar World Trade Center health fund to repay those ailing after they breathed in toxic dust created by the collapsing twin towers in New York on Sept. 11, 2001.

Many workers laboured in the ash wearing only flimsy paper masks, and went home coughing up black phlegm with some still experiencing mild respiratory problems years later.

But scientists say there is little research to prove that exposure to the toxic dust plume caused even one kind of cancer. And many acknowledge the payouts to cancer patients could take money away from those suffering from illnesses more definitively linked to Sept. 11, like asthma and some types of lung disease.

Yet this month, Dr. John Howard, who heads the federal agency that researches workplace illnesses, added scores of common and rare cancers to a list that had previously included just 12 ailments caused by dust exposure.

Lung, skin, breast and thyroid cancer were among those added; of the most common types of cancer, only prostate cancer was excluded.

Even lawyers for the first responders were stunned: They had expected to see only certain blood and respiratory cancers put on the list.

In late 2010, Congress set up two programs for anyone exposed to the rubble, smoke and dust at Ground Zero: rescue and cleanup workers and others who worked or lived in the area. Cancer was initially excluded, but Congress ordered periodic reviews based on the latest scientific evidence.

One $1.55-billion US program is for treatment for any illness determined to be related to Ground Zero. The second $2.78-billion fund is to compensate people who suffered economic losses or a diminished quality of life because of their illness. Both programs expire in 2016, but could be extended. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reaction

"To imagine there is strong evidence about any cancer resulting from 9-11 is naive."

Biostatistics Prof. Donald Berry of the Texas MD Cancer Center in Houston

Reggie Hilaire of the NYPD developed cancer in the years following his job searching for human remains at Ground Zero. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A mammoth move

Status of Toronto Zoo elephants still up in the air

Toronto Zoo staff finally got a look Wednesday at some records that had held up the transfer of three elephants to a U.S. sanctuary.

But it's unclear when — or even if — zoo officials will sign off on the plan, which has the support of city council.

Arrangements for the move came to a halt this spring when the PAWS facility would not turn over medical records for its animals. Both sides met Wednesday to review the documents, but the group representing PAWS in Toronto says the decision won't come just yet.

Even if the plan is approved, Julie Woodyer of Zoocheck Canada says the elephants can't be moved until late summer because of scheduling issues.

Woodyer says there is only one plane in the world that is both large enough to hold the elephants and manned by people with experience in moving live animals.

Animal activist Bob Barker has promised to pay $880,000 for a plane to fly the elephants to their new home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Separating conjoined twins

Maya Yadav holds her one-year-old conjoined twin daughters, Stuti and Aradhna, at the Mission hospital in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh, India, on Wednesday. A team of 34 medical experts from India and abroad have begun the surgical procedure to separate the twins, according to local news reports. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Federal Reserve

Fed extends 'Twist' program with $267B

The U.S. Federal Reserve acted Wednesday to lift an economy held back by a weakened job market, extending a program designed to spur borrowing and spending through lower long-term U.S. interest rates.

The Fed also sharply lowered its outlook for U.S. growth. It now thinks the economy will grow no more than 2.4 per cent this year. That compares with its forecast in April that the economy could grow up to 2.9 per cent. And it thinks the unemployment rate, now 8.2 per cent, won't fall much further in 2012.

After a two-day meeting, the Fed said in a statement that it will continue a program called Operation Twist through year's end.

Under the program, the Fed has been selling $400 billion US in short-term Treasurys since September and buying longer-term Treasurys. It said it will extend the program through December using $267 billion in securities.

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RIM shares down as job cuts start in bid to save $1B

Research in Motion. Analyst estimates BlackBerry maker could cut 3,000 employees — after 2,000 cuts last year

BlackBerry-maker Research in Motion Ltd. has begun the grim task of cutting jobs in a bid to save $1 billion as part of a plan to right the company as it races to bring its new models to market later this year.

The company said Wednesday that it's looking for at least $1 billion in savings by the end of its 2013 financial year and job cuts are part of that plan.

RIM — which did not provide specific numbers regarding the cuts — is expected to provide a business update when it reports its first-quarter results on June 28.

Wedbush Securities analyst Scott Sutherland estimated that RIM could cut as many as 3,000 employees in its bid to reduce costs, which would top last year's cut of around 2,000.

"I think RIM is finally making the hard decisions," he said.

"It is a tough time for them, but they need to ensure profitability, speed to market, and get these new devices out."

Sutherland said much is riding on a new line of BlackBerry phones powered by the BlackBerry 10 operating system, which are expected later this year.

Advance estimates on how many jobs would be lost ranged wildly from 2,000, or about 12 per cent of the workforce, to 5,000, or about 30 per cent.

Last July, RIM laid off about 11 per cent of its workforce, or 2,000 employees, marking the biggest employee reduction in its history.

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Offices

In addition to its main base in Waterloo, Ont., RIM also has a customer-service centre in Halifax that services users in Canada, the U.S. and South America.

- Other smaller offices are based in Mississauga, Ont., and Ottawa where they have been combined with staff of QNX Software Systems, the company that designed the operating system behind the PlayBook and the next generation of BlackBerry devices.

Burger King goes public, again

Burger King Corp. CEO Bernardo Hees, right, talks with specialist Donald Himpele on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday after the world's No. 2 hamburger chain began trading as a public company again under the ticker symbol "BKW." The Miami-based chain had last traded as a public company between 2006 and 2010, before it was purchased and taken private by investment firm 3G Capital. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

StatsCan. 5.8 people jobless for every vacancy

Statistics Canada says there was an average of 248,000 job vacancies in the country in the three-month period ended in March, up 19,000 from 2011. However, it says there were just 5.8 unemployed people for every vacancy, down from 6.5 in March 2011. The decline in the ratio of unemployment to job vacancies was a result of the increase in vacancies and decline in the number of unemployed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Unemployed

8.3

The construction sector had the biggest decline in the unemployment-to-job-vacancies ratio, with 8.3 unemployed people for every vacant job ending in March.

Economy. Momentum to slow, forecasts project

New private-sector forecasts see Canada's economy struggling to maintain momentum in the next two years, held back by weak job growth and vulnerable to both external and internal shocks.

Under this scenario, the CIBC says Canadians will likely be able to take advantage of historically low interest rates into 2014. But the Bank of Canada need not be overly worried about households continuing to pile on debt as a result of generous loan conditions, it added to its latest economic report released Wednesday, which noted that credit growth continues to slow even with today's low interest rates.

The two forecasts — from CIBC and Capital Economics — both project the Canadian economy will register the lowest annual growth rates since the recession in the next two years. CIBC says growth will average 2.1 per cent in both 2012 and 2013, whereas Capital Economics expects an even slower pace, at two per cent in 2012 and 1.5 per cent in 2013.

"This is not a good recovery," said economist Benjamin Tal of CIBC. "Normally you would expect growth rates of four and five per cent in a recovery, but I don't see anything that will lift the economy in any significant way."

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CONSERVATIVES' GUIDE TO CALLING SOMEONE AN A-HOLE

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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FROM: Conservative party headquarters
TO: All MPs
SUBJECT: Email etiquette

Dear MPs,

As you've probably heard, we had an email faux pas this week when the immigration minister hit "reply all" on an email, making this the most open and transparent this government has ever been.

Jason Kenney meant to call Alberta's deputy premier a "complete and utter Albertan" but — wouldn't you know it? — autocorrect or spell-check or some darn thing changed it to a different A-word. I won't say which one, but let's just say it's not as clean as the oilsands (officially).

While as a Canadian majority government we can technically do whatever we want, it's important to remember some of the basic rules of email etiquette to better facilitate relationships and to make our day-to-day jobs easier.

The Basics:

- Always use a pleasant greeting and closing. If you are a federal minister, try to steer clear of the A-bomb.
- Address your contact with the proper level of formality. If they are the deputy premier of a major province, go with "Mr. Jerkface."
- Writing in all caps, adding italics, or writing "!!!" does not make your point any more forceful. However, if you *DO ALL THREE???* I think the impact speaks for itself.

Spam and scam:

- Be wary of spam, especially emails that seem out of character for the sender. Porn links from the Saudi family, for instance, are almost certainly spam unless it's from Deputy Minister of Defence Khalid bin Sultan. Dude is off the hook.
- Make sure you're not accidentally deleting emails from the Spam-meat headquarters in Burlington, Ont. Once, we didn't reply to their emails for months and we missed a picnic invite.
- It's unacceptable to send corny or tasteless jokes in weird fonts and tell people to pass it on. That's what Facebook is for.

International relations:

- Always respond promptly to Nigerian princes. They're royalty, for goodness sake, and they need your help.
- Done properly, a nod to an associate's foreign culture can be well received. ("Congratulations on your son's marriage. UOL!" where the UOL stands for ululating out loud.)
- "Please!" and "Thank you!" go a long way when lecturing other countries about how to run their economies.
- Finally, remember that even the tensest diplomatic exchange can be livened up with Comic Sans.

Hopefully this brief refresher course helped! Please forward this to five other people in your office by midnight or you will never find true love.

Also, if you have anything to say about Kenney, please hit "reply to sender" only.

Many thanks,
Conservative Party of Canada

Minister of Immigration Jason Kenney has apologized to Alberta Deputy Premier Thomas Lukaszuk for his "A-hole" comment.
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Germany — the missing piece

ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia-Germany

Putting the puzzle together

People put together a jigsaw puzzle of a self-portrait of Albrecht Durer in front of the state historical museum and a monument to Soviet-era Marshal Georgy Zhukov in Manezh Square outside the Kremlin in Moscow on Wednesday. The 300-square-metre puzzle is being set up on the occasion of the German Year in Russia.

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Celebration

- The joint exhibition Germans and Russians — 1,000 Years of History, Art, and Culture, is the highlight of the opening of the German Year in Russia.
- On the German side, the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation is in charge of the exhibition, which will be shown at the Neues Museum in Berlin starting in October in connection with the beginning of the Russia Year in Germany.

Countries collaborating

"The projects, which have been jointly conceived by Russian and German partners, place a high value on co-operation and exchange."

Minister of State Cornelia Pieper, in a statement regarding the collaboration between Germany and Russia.

Cost

€3.6M

This year's German Year programming is funded with 3.6 million euros ($4.7 million) from public funds.

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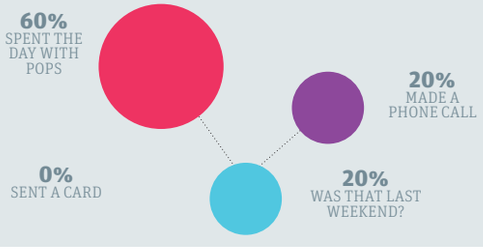

Twitter

@crystalinwood: Sunshine! Beautiful sunshine! #yxe

@TMorgan65: Oh ya .... with ice cold beer ... RT @L_InHiHeels : Looks like a rooftop lunch kind of day! #yxe #Summertime!

@price_amy: Getting pumped for #saskjazz in #yxe only 2 more sleeps! @saskjazz

@Claire_MP: Gorgeous day in #yxe!!

@JoleneKoenders: Could it be??...blue sky in #yxe!? Maybe there is hope for a sunny day in June??#nomorerain

@delaneybeaton: Great weekend of music coming up in #yxe @saskjazz: @Feist-Music @MayerHawthorne @JanelleMonae @Timber_Timbre

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The Saskatoon summer players keep on producing

Local theatre. From Broadway show to the local curling club, these actors are making it work

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"We got the wrong play. We got the wrong director. We got the wrong actors. Where did we go right?" – Max Bialystock, The Producers

The Producers tells the story of two men who, driven by greed, set out to create a Broadway flop. When it comes to the company that is staging a production of the Mel Brooks musical, it's clear life doesn't always imitate art.

Unlike the characters Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom, members of Saskatoon Summer Players volunteer countless hundreds of hours to put on quality productions, with no other motivation than the love of theatre.

"A lot of the cast members are also taking care of the sets and the painting. They're working basically every evening, either rehearsing or working on the sets," said manager Veronique Eberhart. "It's really a lot of dedication."

That passion for production and willingness to work for free has kept the company in business for 48 years.

"That's one of the strengths of Saskatoon Summer Players. We can put on huge shows, and that would be impossible if it were professional."

There have been a few changes over the years for SSP; they recently hired Eberhart as their first-ever paid manager. The classically-trained singer, who spent the past four years managing la Fédération des Francophones de Saskatoon, calls the job a perfect fit for her as it calls on both her artistic and managerial skills.

In addition to promoting and strengthening the program, one of Eberhart's goals is to find a more permanent home for SSP. Often the various stages of production are scattered throughout the city, including on this day as the performers rehearse on a spot typically occupied by the first sheet of ice at the Nutana Curling Club.

"We realize we can't keep going the old way," Eberhart said, "The organization has to be upgraded and I'm the first step."

Quote

A musical about a musical about the most infamous man in world history may seem like unlikely material for a Broadway and big screen hit. But Mel Brooks had his reasons for basing The Producers around a fictional play called Springtime for Hitler.

- **Quote.** "If you stand on a soapbox and trade rhetoric with a dictator you never win...But if you ridicule them, bring them down with laughter, they can't win. You show how crazy they are," Brooks said in a 2001 interview with the U.S. News and World Report.

Leo Bloom, played by Jeremy Yorga, is an accountant driven to a new line of work on Broadway by his tyrannical boss Mr. Marks (Roger Pilon) in The Producers. The play runs June 30th-July 8th on the Persephone Theatre stage at the Remai Arts Centre. /SIMON HIATT FOR METRO

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Mulroney says Good Morning

One of Canada's best-known TV personalities is joining the weekend edition of Good Morning America. ABC says Ben Mulroney will begin appearing on the New York-based series this Saturday. That's in addition to his ongoing role as co-anchor of CTV's entertainment show eTalk. The job follows Mulroney's two recent appearances as co-host of the morning talk show Live! with Kelly Ripa. Those stints marked Mulroney's first broadcasting gigs in front of a U.S. audience. In a release, ABC News president Ben Sherwood calls Mulroney "a terrific broadcaster" who is "quick on his feet and excels at live television."

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Keeping it all in the family

Remake. Son of Benji creator searches for scruffy mutt to create a modern day Benji

Have you seen this dog?

It's a mutt — mischievous, medium-sized, scruffy and street-smart with soulful eyes. Comfortable as hero or underdog, yet likely to be a stray. Must be a fast learner, able to charm millions and willing to work for food.

Brandon Camp, whose father created Benji nearly 40 years ago, and veteran movie trainer Mark Forbes have set out to find a new Benji in a nationwide search that includes online tools and sites that weren't around when the first four Benjis were discovered.

A Facebook page (facebook.com/benjithemovie) has been set up so pet owners and shelter staffs can post pictures and videos of dogs they think could be the next Benji.

Camp and Forbes will scour photos of pets from shelters and rescues across the country, along with sites like petfinder.com and adoptapet.com. Forbes said he was personally visiting every shelter within 75 miles of Los Angeles, where he is general manager and head trainer at Birds and Animals Unlimited.

The original 1974 movie Benji is about a stray who helps save two kidnapped children. It was written, produced, directed and financed by Camp's father, Joe Camp. When he couldn't find a distributor, he and his wife, the late Carolyn Camp, decided to do it themselves.

There would be four sequels, several TV specials, a Saturday morning TV series, a syndicated comic strip and all kinds of merchandizing deals.

More than 73 million people would see Benji at theatres and more than a billion people around the world watch it on television. Millions of DVDs would be sold.

The original Benji was Higgins, adopted in the early 1960s from the Burbank Animal Shelter by late animal trainer Frank Inn. Higgins played Dog in the television series Petticoat Junction for several years. At the age of 14, he became Benji.

The second Benji was Higgins' daughter, the third was a distant relative and the fourth was adopted from the Humane Society of South Mississippi.

"I only have snapshot memories of the original," said Brandon Camp, who was just 3 years old when Benji came out. "The second Benji is the one I grew up with and travelled with and knew and loved."

The dog was so much a part of his life, he was nicknamed Benji at school. The two of them were constantly on the go — from White House Easter egg hunts to morning shows, late shows and show-and-tells.

"I missed most of my first grade because I was travelling around with Benji," said Camp, who directed Love Happens.

When he was 6 or 7, Camp went to New York so Benji could ride a float in the Macy's parade, where thousands of people were trying to get close to see him.

"It was the first time I realized what kind of star he was," he remembers.

Camp said the new movie will stay true to the heart of the original Benji.

"Parents and grandparents will recognize the spirit of Benji," he said. "He was always a mutt and will always be a mutt. He is the everydog."

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Resumé

- Trainer Mark Forbes, who will be working on the new Benji film, has plenty of Hollywood animal experience.
- He's worked on 101 Dalmatians, Dr. Doolittle, Marley and Me, We Bought a Zoo, Mr. Popper's Penguins, Evan Almighty and Zookeeper.

This 1979 photo shows comedian Chevy Chase getting his ear licked from co-star Benji as the two held a news conference in Los Angeles announcing their movie Oh Heavenly Dog. NICK UT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

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Hollywood producers grease their odds of success by spreading the star power on thick, adding a smattering of CGI and sticking with refried franchise reboots, saucy sequels and piquant prequels. The seasoning they choose may change from year to year, but the zing of choice remains habanero-pepper-hot babes.

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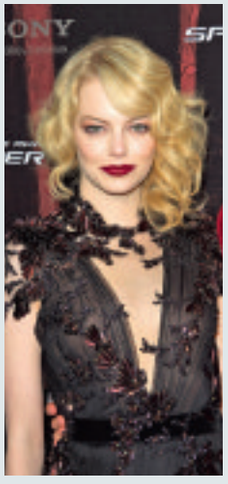
Emma Stone, The Amazing Spider-Man



Despite the inherent creepiness of Jim Carrey's infamous video valentine to Stone, his sordid soliloquy is still endemic of the hormonal effect this raspy-voiced firecracker summons up: "I just wanted to let you know that I think you're all the way beautiful. Not just pretty, but, you know, smart and kind-hearted. And if I were a lot younger, I would marry you, and we would have chubby little freckled faced kids. We'd laugh all day long."

Kate Beckinsale, Total Recall

At times it's hard to tell who has a bigger crush on this gorgeous Brit: the Underworld fanboys who lapped up all four iterations of the vampires vs werewolves race war or Hollywood hotshots. With Beckinsale by his side in a fetching white strapless number at the 2012 Golden Globes while presenting an award, comedian Seth Rogen couldn't help himself. "Hello, I'm Seth Rogen, and I'm currently trying to conceal a massive erection," he quipped, clearly not reading off the teleprompter.

Anne Hathaway, The Dark Knight Rises

After catapulting into the spotlight with the Princess Diaries series, the fresh-faced ingenue eventually shed her Disney training wheels and navigated toward more mature and complex characters in Brokeback Mountain and Love and Other Drugs. Hathaway is bound to get the temperature rising when she fills out the figure-hugging Catwoman suit, taking the torch from Halle Berry, Michelle Pfeiffer and all the other smoldering actresses that have caught a bad case of cat scratch fever in Gotham City.

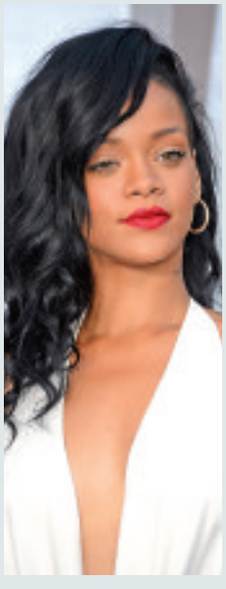
Nikolette Noel, The Expendables 2

When a film has more testosterone then a cell-block at San Quentin you need a lights-out looker to represent womankind. This time out, we lose Mickey Rourke and Steve Austin, but alongside Stallone, Statham, Li, Lundgren, Couture and company are Schwarzenegger and Willis in full-on roles, and Chuck Norris and Jean Claude Van Damme. The daughter of a Hungarian model, this is Noel's highest profile role to date. She plays wife to Liam Hemsworth and no doubt will draw the eye of every other dude.

Mila Kunis, Ted

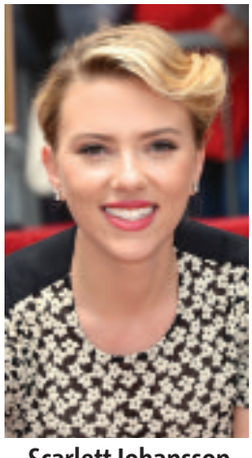
Mila's it-girl factor has risen meteorically since her days on That 70s Show. Recent risqué roles in Black Swan and Friends with Benefits catapulted her into the Top 10 rankings on practically every "Sexiest Women on the Planet" list in the last couple years. Yet becoming one of the most desired leading ladies in the business has not messed with her head. Last July, a sergeant stationed in Afghanistan made a video asking her out on a date to a Marine Corps Ball with him, and Kunis took him up on the offer.

Rihanna, Battleship



The green-eyed songstress is a remarkably appropriate choice for this $200 million reimagining of the naval war game Milton Bradley originally conceived in 1931. Whenever the need arises the Barbadian beauty can always open her Umbrella to shield herself from an incoming plastic peg. And if the aliens sink her team's submarine (What? You thought the movie would just be Liam Neeson making googly eyes at Rihanna across the deck?), she can just belt out of Man Down. Unlike her racy 2010 album Rated-R, this flick is PG-13, but with Rihanna and Brooklyn Decker aboard, this ship could float a little longer than the Bismarck.

Scarlett Johansson, The Avengers



You'd think with Thor, Captain America, Iron Man, the Hulk, and Nick Fury et al jockeying for screen time the Black Widow would get short thrift. But hey, just because Black Widow's superpowers are pretty puny when compared to her fellow Avengers, nobody tosses Scar-Jo in a corner. One of the most memorable scenes in the flick is Johansson bound to a chair surrounded by a trio of baddies whom she confidently dispatches in stunning fashion. Whether she's zipping into a leather suit or decked out in S.H.I.E.L.D casual, her curves are always set to stun.

Christoph Waltz, left, and Jamie Foxx play 1850s bounty hunters in Quentin Tarantino's Django Unchained. HANDOUT

Tarantino up to his old tricks again with Django Unchained

Wild West. Foxx, DiCaprio and Waltz give performances that bring back memories of Inglorious Basterds, director's other films

Quentin Tarantino is rewriting history again with his upcoming film, Django Unchained.

After the success of his much-lauded World War II fiction film Inglourious Basterds, Tarantino is heading to the Wild West and time travelling to the years where slavery was still legal in America.

Jaime Foxx is the new Samuel L. Jackson — he might not have the cadence and the voice, but, just by the short clips of Foxx brandishing a pistol and cracking a whip, you know that he is one BAMF.

Leonardo DiCaprio is the new Brad Pitt — but evil at first, I had to do a double take to make sure that Lt. Aldo Raine (played by Brad Pitt in Inglourious Basterds) wasn't starring in this film. Thanks to slight variations on their facial hair, I was able to tell the difference.

While both actors had to adopt Southern accents in their Tarantino appearances, DiCaprio plays a smooth villain — which is a far cry from Pitt's boisterous war hero.

Christoph Waltz is a very versatile actor. Waltz's memorable role as a shrewd Nazi in Inglourious Basterds won him an Oscar.

Now he's back working with Tarantino. It seems like he'll be one of the heroes, a testament to the fact that no matter what part he plays you can't keep your eyes off of him.

Dog the Bounty Hunter looks like a crossing guard compared to these two.

If one of the movie's tag lines — "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Vengence" — didn't give you a hint that there would be blood in this film, then the fact that Tarantino — the master of dialogue, 360-degree pans around tables and gratuitous violence — is directing this film should have tipped you off.

The director isn't blatantly ripping off an old film, thank you very much. In the final bar scene, Django (Jamie Foxx) is sitting next to Django (Franco Nero). Nero starred in 1966's Django, a spaghetti western where he, a gunslinger, had to battle the KKK and a gang of Mexican Bandits.

For all those people out there who constantly complain that all of Tarantino's films are ripped off from somewhere and that he never gives the original films credit, here's his nod that he recognizes where he got his influences from. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Monsters beware

Abe Lincoln is not the only historical figure who could tangle with the forces of the supernatural and come out on top. These five warriors bring different — but no less effective — weapons in the fight against the forces of darkness.

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro News World

Florence Nightingale

Legendary nurse saved countless lives in the Crimean War, and the "lady with the lamp" was a trailblazer for sanitation and hygiene. Her skills would be priceless for containing the infectious zombie plagues that are becoming a constant nuisance.

Cleopatra

The Egyptian pharaoh was a mystic who liked to experiment with witchcraft and substances. So who better to take on the bandaged terror of The Mummy where it lives?

Horatio Nelson

British naval captain and hero of the Napoleonic wars. With such pedigree on the high seas we believe Nelson would have been an expert dragon slayer, capable of dousing any flames, and would have experience with sea monsters too.

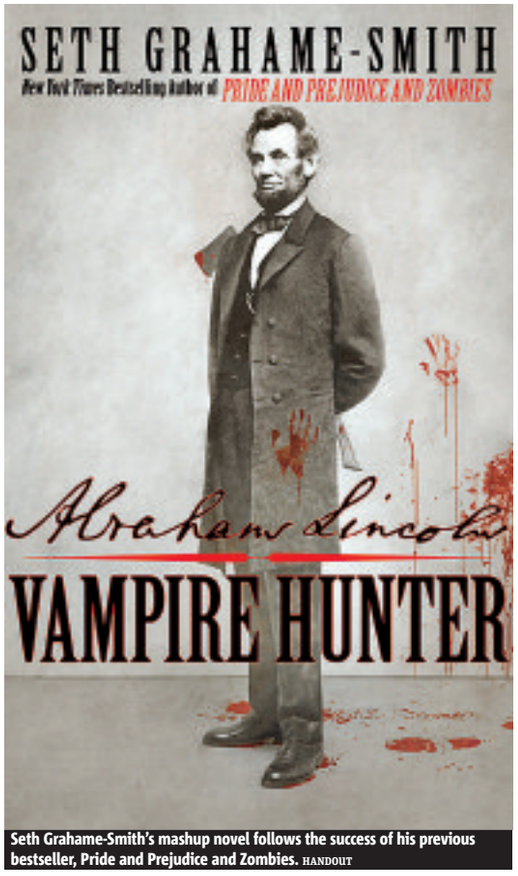
William Gladstone

One of Britain's longest-serving prime ministers. When Gladstone wasn't handling business, he was happiest in his garden, where he earned a reputation for being green-thumbed. Useful in case of a Triffid-style mutant plant attack, or if the Little Shop of Horrors returns.

George Washington

The first U.S. president was an excellent shot and a keen fox hunter. We see no reason why those skills couldn't be transferred to scarier, hairier dogs — such as werewolves.

Who can say Lincoln didn't kill vampires?


SETH GRAHAME-SMITH
New York Times Bestselling Author of PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AND ZOMBIES
Abraham Lincoln
VAMPIRE HUNTER

Seth Grahame-Smith's mashup novel follows the success of his previous bestseller, Pride and Prejudice and Zombies. HANDOUT

Imaginative mashup. Author Seth Grahame-Smith came up with the idea after seeing Lincoln and Twilight books together

MICHELLE CASTILLO
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Abraham Lincoln was secretly a vampire hunter? Only the detailed, imaginative mind of Seth Grahame-Smith could come up with a tale like this. He's made a living from mashups, like Pride and Prejudice and Zombies and the Dark Shadows.

Metro World News spoke to him about his inspirations and why he chose Lincoln as his "historical revisionist" project.

So, how do you come up with this stuff?

This idea specifically was a weird organic outgrowth of Pride and Prejudice and Zombies. I was going around the country promoting that in 2009, which was coincidentally the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth so every bookstore I'd go into no matter where it was in the United States, I'd see the same display of Lincoln books, biographies, things like that. And, then inevitably there would be the Twilight: True Blood table next to it. I started to draw the distinction of if everywhere you go there are vampire books right in front of the stores, and everywhere you go there are Lincoln books right in front of the stores. It stands to reason that…

Maybe Abraham Lincoln was a vampire hunter?

Maybe there's something to combining them. It just began, a fun little game within myself imagining what it would be like. Would Lincoln be a vampire? I thought, "No that's not really true to his ideals. He would be a vampire hunter. That got me interested enough to read about the real man, and when I started to read about the Lincoln legend I got hooked into it and started to see where all of the opportunities were to add the genre twist to it.

Abraham Lincoln is pretty well-known in the U.S.. What do you think international audiences can glean from it?

What we've made here isn't so much a political movie about a president as much as a superhero movie. It's a superhero origin movie really.

I think they would approach it as — I hope they would see it — whether they know much about Lincoln or not, he's an interesting guy who lived in the 19th century who made himself into — and this is in real life too — made himself into something extraordinary.

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The primary characters of Pixar's latest animated feature film Brave are, from left, King Fergus (voiced by Billy Connolly), Queen

Brave may seem familiar, but it's actually all new

Fairy tale feel. The filmmakers wanted audiences to be lulled into thinking they know what's happening but don't

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If you walk away from seeing Brave, the new Pixar princess movie, feeling as though the story was familiar, that was on purpose.

"We wanted it have that feeling where you wonder, 'Was that a real fairy tale?'" says producer Katherine Sarafian. "Because it feels like a classic, dark ancient tale but told in a new way."

Director Mark Andrews adds that it took years to fine-tune the story. "We didn't really have the story done, done-done-done-itty-done-done in all its permutations, until December of last year." He says. "In the last three months I honed it. That happens by watching it over and over and over again."

"The film will tell you what it needs and it doesn't need much," says Sarafian. "It doesn't need every bit of dialogue ever recorded. You need to get the point across."

The inspiration for the story of Merida (voiced by Kelly Macdonald), a flame-haired

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Elinor (Emma Thompson) and Merdia (Kelly Macdonald). HANDOUT

Break out the bagpipes

Set in ancient Scotland, many of Brave's voice actors are actually Scottish.

- **Kelly Macdonald as Merida,** was born in Glasgow and still lives there with her husband Dougie Payne from the band Travis.
- **Billy Connolly as King Fergus** was also born in Glasgow, and returned there in 2005 after years of living in Hollywood.
- **Robbie Coltrane as Lord Dingwall.** Born in Ruthergen, Coltrane had to adopt an English accent to play Hagrid in the Harry Potter series.
- **Craig Ferguson as Lord Macintosh.** Also born in Glasgow, he wrote a book called American on Purpose about his immigration experience.
- **Kevin McKidd as Lord MacGuffin.** Born in Elgin, he is best known for his role in Trainspotting, a harrowing film about growing up in Scotland.

tomboy-turned-princess, who clashes with her mother and learns that you have to be careful what you wish for — especially when that wish is granted by an absent-minded witch — came from a number of sources.

"There are stories about people changing onto animals," said Andrews. "There are stories about asking for a wish and it going wrong and teaching you a lesson. There are all those aspects of it in different pieces so we built this thing from scratch; pulling ideas that we know have worked in other places."

The final stop before theatres is the head office of Pixar, home to hits like Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, WALL-E, Up and Toy Story 3.

"The people I have to show the film to have been through it," says Andrews. "They have Academy Awards, so if they say, 'I smell a rat,' I have to get back in there. They are the best guys to have on your side. I want their response."

"Our bosses are creative," says Sarafian. "They have all directed, rather than having suits or business people make the decisions by focus group or budget. They're making decisions based on what they find entertaining based on their experiences and training."

The result is a classic feeling film, with no pop culture references. "We didn't want to be glib," said Sarafian, "we want generations to watch it."

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"We didn't want to be glib; we want generations to watch it."

Katherine Sarafian, Brave producer
Explaining why there are no pop culture references in the film

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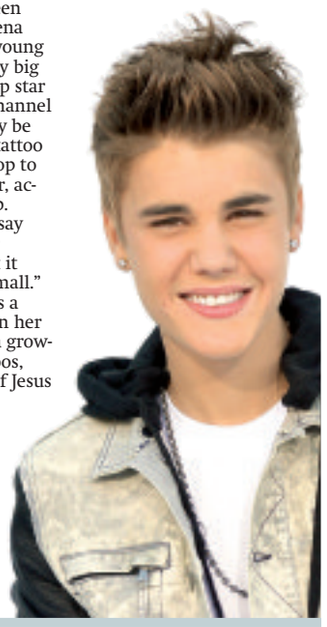
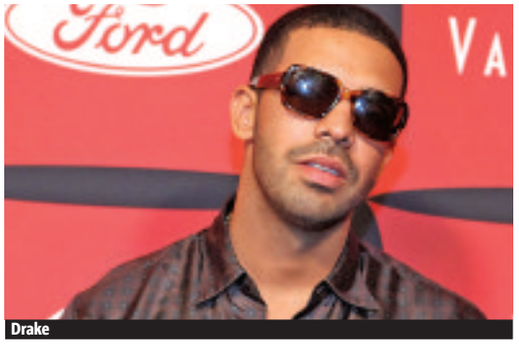
Biebs and Gomez to get couple tattoos?



It must be love between Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, because the young couple is taking a very big step together: The pop star and former Disney Channel actress will reportedly be headed to New York tattoo artist Bang Bang's shop to get some ink together, according to Hollyscoop.

The source didn't say exactly what the pair would be getting, but it will be "something small."

Gomez already has a piece by Bang Bang on her side, and Bieber has a growing collection of tattoos, including a portrait of Jesus on his lower leg.



Drake

Weezy wants Drizzy to squash the beef with Breezy

Rapper Lil Wayne is reportedly pressuring Drake to make peace with Chris Brown after last week's New York nightclub brawl, according to TMZ.

But why the desire to calm tensions? Because Wayne is worried it will hurt his business, as songs with Brown doing a guest vocal tend to be big hits, a source explains.

"Making money matters most," a source says. Drake, for his part, is reportedly hesitant to extend an olive branch until he knows that Brown doesn't blame him for instigating the brawl.

Hollywood's top earning actress is ... Kristen Stewart!?

We give Kristen Stewart a lot of trouble on this page, but apparently she's doing just fine in the real world.

The Twilight and Snow White star topped Forbes magazine's 2012 list of the highest paid actresses, raking in an impressive $35 million last year.

The 22-year-old is easily the youngest one on the list and leads a top 5 that includes Cameron Diaz, Sandra Bullock, Angelina Jolie and Charlize Theron.

If Hollywood is listening, we're pros at looking miserable and wearing the same jeans everyday — at a fraction of the price.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Deadmau5 puts Madonna on notice

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We weren't the only ones who sensed a little desperation in Madonna's current tour, which has featured more than one awkward striptease.

In the new issue of Rolling Stone, electronic music producer Joel Zimmerman (better know as Deadmau5, or that guy who wears a giant mouse head onstage) called out the pop star for her recent appearance at the Ultra Music Festival, where she asked, "How many people in this crowd have seen Molly?" — a clumsy reference to ecstasy, as is the title of her new album, MDNA.

"You want to be 'hip' and 'cool' and 'funky grandma'? Fine. It's not my place to say you're irrelevant," says Zimmerman. "If you're gonna come into my world, at least do it with a little more dignity."

You heard the man, Madonna. And if you start name-checking wine spritzers on ice, expect to hear from us.

Did Baldwin punch a cameraman?

Alec Baldwin

Wedding preparations might be getting to Alec Baldwin, as the 30 Rock actor allegedly punched a cameraman in the face outside New York City's Marriage License Bureau, according to the New York Daily News.

The paper insists that the photographer in question, Marcus Santos, was minding his own business when Baldwin charged at him.

"He was looking mad," Santos says. "He said, 'Step back, step back.' I said, 'We're moving back.' He comes after me, starts shoving and punching me — one time, right in the chin."

But Baldwin tells a different story on Twitter.

"A 'photographer' almost hit me in the face with his camera this morning," he posted, adding in a reference to the recent Trayvon Martin shooting in Florida: "I suppose if the offending paparazzi was wearing a hoodie and I shot him, it would all blow over."

Johnny Depp. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Depp and Paradis are done, rep confirms

After six months of dodging rumours that they were on the rocks, Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have ended their 14-year relationship, Depp's rep confirms in a statement to Entertainment Tonight.

"Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have amicably separated. Please respect their privacy and, more importantly, the privacy of their children," the statement reads. There's no word on how Depp and Paradis, who never married, will handle custody of their children, 12-year-old Lily Rose and nine-year-old Jack.

Sheen taking serious 'precautions'

Charlie Sheen admits that he's had to make some changes to the way he parties at his house after last year's very public flameout.

"We take phones and purses at my house, and people have to sign s—," Sheen tells Playboy magazine. "I'm not living in the Pentagon, but I've been burned enough to have to take precautions. It's either that or choose a different type of woman or party guest, because you never know."

And as for why the troubled actor remains popular? He has a theory: "If you're special, you're tortured," he says.

"I know that sounds arrogant, but you can't not be special and have a 30-year career. You can't not be a little different from others and be successful for three decades. Your mind has to work a little differently than the average brain."

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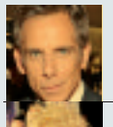

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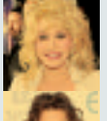

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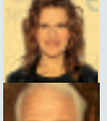

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Sentences I never say anymore: "Wow, what a great connection!"

The designer Olympics

The fashion giants face off at London 2012. Who cares about the medals, when some of the cattiest competition will be going on in the style stakes?

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Sportswear has always been a sticky topic for fashionable types.

For a start, sports people do require a level of practicality and comfort.

In the fashion world, those are two ugly words used almost exclusively for those individuals who wear hiking gear in the city or running trainers while commuting because they're just easier. I shudder.

The balance between looking good and performing well offers a dilemma that's long plagued athletes who are forced into some over-branded piece of nationalistic lycra worn under what amounts to little more than a shell suit.

Thankfully, in this age of celebrity endorsements and collaborations, the real designer talent has got behind their teams, namely Giorgio Armani (Italy), Stella McCartney and Adidas (Great Britain), Cedella Marley (Jamaica) and Ralph Lauren (U.S.A.).

Patriotic, yes and also the perfect piece of marketing with the Games' status as a visual spectacle and of course the potential for a multi-billion global audience.

Italy

You'd expect flair and passion from the Italians, and EA7 Emporio Armani sportswear delivers. Giorgio Armani created a 50-piece collection complete with luggage cut in white and midnight blue, which was the traditional colour pre-1970s. And if Italy's athletes need inspiration they need only look to the first words of Mameli's hymn (national anthem) embroidered on the inside of jackets and sweatshirts.

Great Britain

Great Britain gymnast Louis Smith says of the kit: "I really do love it. I like the way that the Union Jack is incorporated into the leotard and tracksuit — and it's more comfortable than anything I've competed in." Stella McCartney had all the pressure designing for the host nation and she seems to have delivered, despite claims that the design on the chest resembles the X Factor logo. Wishful thinking, perhaps.

Jamaica

Cedella Marley — yes she is Bob Marley's daughter — really did have to create something special, seeing as Usain Bolt is almost a dead certain for the gold. Marley looked to sport, music (there's an element of Buffalo Soldier) and Jamaican culture. There's even a nod to Bob with his face featuring on the shoulder of some track jackets. Marley said at the launch, "A little piece of him is going to be in London."

U.S.A.

Ralph Lauren is no stranger to the sports field, or London for that matter, with his regular collections for the Wimbledon staff. Lauren looked to the London 1984 Olympics and the 1930s and 1940s with off-duty cricket-collar shirts and sweatshirts and a dash of patriotic pride thanks to the felt U.S.A. appliqués. It's likely to be the biggest hit commercially with the brand's iconic polo player motif.

Canadian Apparel

We stand in style for thee

Metro chats with Suzanne Timmins, senior vice-president and fashion director for the Hudson's Bay Company, about Hudson's Bay Company Olympic Collection.

What was the inspiration behind the 2012 Summer Olympic Team Apparel collection?

We were inspired by sports and the great outdoors. We wanted to create a Summer Olympic collection that our athletes — and all Canadians — would embrace.

What is your favourite piece from the 2012 line that you'll be wearing as you cheer on Team Canada?

The Track Jacket is one of my favourite pieces from the Bay's Canadian Olympic Collection. Sport-inspired varsity jackets and bombers are on-trend, and people stop to talk to me about it all the time.

If you could be an Olympic athlete, which sport would you compete in and why?

I'm not particularly sporty, but if there was an Olympics of shopping, I would definitely win gold!

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Fashion Flash

Adidas pulls shoe over cuff controversy

Adidas cancelled plans for a sneaker with a shackle-like ankle cuff Monday night after some critics said it too closely resembled a symbol of slavery. The JS Roundhouse Mid, a high-top sneaker with an orange plastic cuff, was made in collaboration with fashion designer Jeremy Scott. The sneaker "is nothing more than the designer Jeremy Scott's outrageous and unique take on fashion and has nothing to do with slavery," Adidas said in a statement. "Since the shoe debuted on our Facebook page ahead of its market release in August, Adidas has received both favourable and critical feedback. We apologize if people are offended by the design and we are withdrawing our plans to make them available in the marketplace."

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On the Web

U.S. athletes will wear uniforms at Olympics that could shave time off sprints

Belinda Carlisle is something of a decor goddess

'A knack for it.'
Former member of the Go-Go's never thought home decor was her destiny, but her extensive trips to India turned into a new career path

"Home-goods designer" was never a particular aspiration for Belinda Carlisle, the singer best known as part of the Go-Go's.

But, she says, she was spending so much time travelling, and especially travelling to India, where she was surrounded by beautiful textiles and glorious colours, that she had to figure out how to put all of it to use.

"I guess I sort of had a knack for it," Carlisle says.

Her new collection, called Belindia (yes, that's a slight tweak of the spelling of her name), is being sold at Bergdorf Goodman.

On a recent trip to New York, she made sure to pass by the retailer's famous Midtown windows to see her blankets and tabletop items on display.

She wouldn't have imagined it a few years ago.

"It really started with three or four of us not knowing anything about how to start this sort of business, and one year and nine months later, we're in store," Carlisle says during an interview.

She adds: "I was spending six months a year in India, and I thought, 'I have to justify it.'"

Originally, she was drawn to India more as part of a spiritual journey that included yoga and charitable work, but as she "peeled away the layers of India," she became more and more enchanted.

For the collection, she allowed her eclectic, unconventional tastes to take the lead, she explains. In her own home, it's something ladylike here, something left over from her punk days over there.

Nothing matches, she says, and that's the way she likes it.

Carlisle is in the process of moving back to Los Angeles after making her home in France for many years.

Her furniture and beloved collectibles and souvenirs will go back to the United States with her, but she's sad that her favourite ride, a 1973 Citroen DS 23, probably will not.

There's a practical side to Carlisle, and, she says, she's concerned that if anything were to go wrong with the car or it needed a new part, there'd be no help available.

Carlisle considers her bedroom the most important room of the house because she does much of her work, as well as her relaxing, on her bed, which she covers in throws and pillows.

She plans to put one of the original blankets from Belindia's debut on the bed.

She'll also put one of the tablecloths on her dining table, Carlisle says, but although she is making a table runner too, she doesn't see much use for one.

It must be one of those things that people who throw elaborate dinner parties need, she says, but she's definitely not one of those.

"I don't spend money on dinner parties. I'd much rather have a good loaf of bread and save my money for travel," she says.

Her next planned big trip — after that U.S. move — is again to India, where she wants to go to even more remote places by train, carrying just a backpack. "It's going to be a no-jewelry, no-makeup kind of trip."

Some textile items from the Belindia label raise money for the Shuktara Project, an organization based in Calcutta, India, that cares for abandoned children with disabilities.

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Eastern inspiration

"I was spending six months a year in India, and I thought, 'I have to justify it.'"

Singer and home-goods designer, Belinda Carlisle

Singer and home-goods designer, Belinda Carlisle. PAULA HARROWING/BELINDIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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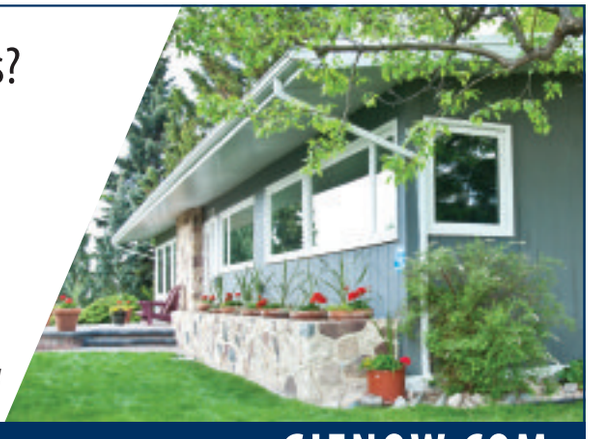

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A large piece of art helps create a focal point. CB2.COM

Last year I had the pleasure of meeting Marta Calles, president of Crate & Barrel and former design director of CB2 stores.

Over the past few years both Crate & Barrel and CB2 have made great efforts to enter the Canadian market with many store openings and online web offerings. During our meeting, Marta and I discussed our visions of future home decor trends and in particular, the trending of the royals.

The royal wedding, the Queen's Jubilee and the summer Olympics made us sure everyone would want a little accent of British style in their homes after all these events had passed.

About a week after my meeting I emailed Ms. Calles; thanking her for her time and the great conversation about trends that we'd had. I referred back to our royal-trend discussion and included an image of a small portrait that I had painted of the Queen. Not an artist by any means (my painting was a weekend project) I hoped to show her how far ahead of the royal trend I had been.

To my surprise, Ms. Calles replied back to my email saying she loved the 'attitude' of the painting and wanted to have it reproduced for CB2 stores. Long story short, the painting was reproduced on canvas and enlarged to a whopping 44 inches wide and 60 inches tall; a size of art sure to add impact wherever the painting chooses to live. It will launch this Saturday at all CB2 stores. To be considered somewhat of an artist puts a great check on my bucket list, next thing to tackle will be a recorded song; or perhaps I should just stick to decorating.

I've always professed that one of the easiest ways to add impact to any room is by hanging large scale artwork on the walls. Big art can help add impact to a small or characterless room; and without taking up any floor space.

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Marta Calles, president of Crate & Barrel and yours truly at Toronto's CB2 store. CONTRIBUTED

Believe it or not, home renos don't happen in 22 minutes

Jim Caruk of HGTV's Builder Boss HANDOUT/CARUK MEDIA GROUP/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Reality check. Jim Caruk offers an insider view of house repairs and revamp in HGTV's Builder Boss

While "the big reveal" remains a centrepiece on home renovation shows, there's considerable time and toiling that occurs behind the scenes to refurbish and transform spaces featured on-air.

Longtime contractor Jim Caruk and his team offer an insider perspective of the pinnacles and pitfalls of home construction on Builder Boss which premieres Thursday at 10:30 p.m. ET on HGTV.

"We want (viewers) to understand the building process because it's a huge industry; and I think over the last 10 to 12 years it's even gotten bigger with all these shows that are coming out. But what isn't shown on some of these different shows is the actual time element," Caruk said in a recent interview.

"We blow this thing off in 22 minutes, but it's taken us a year to build — and people don't get that concept. And if they don't understand what they're going to get themselves into — if they're going to renovate their home — it's going to be a disaster."

Caruk filmed seven seasons of HGTV's Real Renos and said Builder Boss takes the previous series to the next level. The show features 13 new builds — nearly double what Caruk and his team would take on in a typical year.

"Needless to say, it was not only exciting but it was definitely gruelling, punishing — everything else to go along with that," said the owner of The Caruk Group.

"Our goal is ... to bring the audience back and take them through the day in the life of a custom builder and show them the real stress and the make-and-break moments of the whole industry. As I like to say, it's time, money and emotion — they don't go well together."

Builder Boss returns to its regular time slot on June 28 at 10 p.m. ET with back-to-back episodes.

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Greet these warm summer days with Grilled Salmon (in two tasty ways)

In The New Granville Island Market Cookbook, authors Judie Glick and Carol Jensson offer a range of enticing recipes that span the seasons and showcase the ingredients available at the Granville Island Public Market.

One of the recipes is for this Grilled Salmon, which can be made in two ways. You can add your favourite sauce to enhance the grilled salmon or garnish with just a wedge of lemon.

Serve it with roasted new potatoes and a simple salad.

Ingredients

Option 1

- 1 whole salmon fillet, about 1 kg (2 lb)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Option 2

- 60 ml (4 tbsp) mayonnaise (full fat is best)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) freshly ground pepper
- 1 whole salmon fillet, about 1 kg (2 lb)

Option 1

1. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

2. Place fillet, skin side down, on barbecue. Close lid and let salmon cook through, 10 to 15 minutes. Place on a platter and serve.

Option 2

1. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

2. In bowl, mix mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Place fillet, skin side down, on a sheet of foil and evenly spread mayonnaise mixture over top. Tent foil over salmon and place on barbecue.

3. Grill for 10 to 15 minutes until fish is cooked through. Place on a platter and serve. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ THE NEW GRANVILLE ISLAND MARKET COOKBOOK (ARSENAL, 2012).**

Grilled Salmon Two Ways

Both options serve four people. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Book of the week

Vancouver staple

When Vancouver's Granville Island Public Market opened in 1979, Judie Glick was one of the original vendors. Her love of food inspired her to create a cookbook honouring the market.

Now, Glick has teamed up with Carol Jensson, another longtime market resident, for The New Granville Island Market Cookbook (Arsenal, 2012).

The book is divided into the four seasons, with recipes for appetizers, soups and salads, entrées and fruits, sweets and baked goods. They revamped some of the recipes from the original book — making them lighter and fresher — and added some new ones. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cooking technique: The secret to tender ribs

To boil or not to boil? To rub or not to rub? However you like them, barbecued ribs are a huge treat during the summer.

This recipe includes directions for pre-baking, which gives a guaranteed tender result. Use the barbecue to finish cooking.

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Place ribs on baking sheet. In a bowl, mix all spices; rub into ribs. Place ribs in a roasting pan and bake for 2 to 2 1/2 hours..

2. In a medium saucepan on low heat, combine all barbecue sauce ingredients. Stir occasionally until sugar has melted and ingredients have blended well. Store in refrigerator until ready to use.

3. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

4. Slather ribs with sauce and place on grill. Cook 15 minutes, until outsides slightly crispy and the ribs are warmed through. Brush with more sauce while grilling. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ THE NEW GRANVILLE ISLAND MARKET COOKBOOK (ARSENAL, 2012).**

Ingredients

- 2 racks pork baby back ribs, about 750 g (1 1/2 lb), cut into 10-cm (4-inch) pieces
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) paprika
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) onion powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) garlic powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) dry mustard
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) ground pepper

Barbecue Sauce

- 250 ml (1 cup) ketchup
- 250 ml (1 cup) chili sauce
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) brown sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) minced onion
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) garlic powder
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) onion powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) each apple cider vinegar and Worcestershire sauce
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dry mustard
- 1 to 2 drops hot sauce
- Ground pepper to taste

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MLB

Tulowitzki set to have surgery, return in limbo

Colorado Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki will have surgery on his left groin area on Thursday and it's unknown when he'll return.

Tulowitzki was injured May 30 against Houston, pulling up after running out an infield grounder. The all-star shortstop took himself out of a game last Wednesday at Triple-A Colorado Springs after feeling not quite right.

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Troy Tulowitzki
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Cycling

Hesjedal nets over $10K for Giro pink jersey

One of Ryder Hesjedal's pink jerseys from his Giro d'Italia victory has fetched $10,300 US on EBay.

The first Canadian man to win one of cycling's three Grand Tours put his Stage 7 autographed jersey up for auction.

Hesjedal has said the money will go to Canadian Athletes Now Fund, or Can-Fund, and also to his own cycling foundation.

A pink jersey, or maglia rosa, is worn by the Giro d'Italia's overall leader.

The jersey drew 63 bids prior to close Wednesday.

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Penguins star Evgeni Malkin with, from left, the Ted Lindsay Award, the Art Ross Trophy and the Hart Trophy on Wednesday in Las Vegas. JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Malkin hits trophy jackpot in Las Vegas

NHL. Pittsburgh star wins Hart Trophy, Ted Lindsay Award

Evgeni Malkin took a quick look around and could hardly believe his eyes.

There sat the Hart Trophy, Ted Lindsay Award and Art Ross Trophy — all soon to be inscribed with his name after Malkin completed an impressive hat trick at the NHL's awards show on Wednesday night. The Pittsburgh Penguins centre struggled to describe his emotions before calling it the best day of his life.

"It's a special day to me," said Malkin. "I hope it's not the last one. I try to work every year and I hope to be here again."

There could be no more fitting star of the show on an evening that saw every major award go to a first-time winner.

Malkin has been among the NHL's elite players since entering the league in 2006, but this was his first real twirl in the spotlight. Twice a runner-up for league MVP, Malkin was a runaway champion this time around after a season that saw him hit the 50-goal plateau for the first time and finish with 109 points.

It left the Russian in a reflective mood. He thanked former teammate Sergei Gonchar during an emotional acceptance speech because of the great lengths the veteran defenceman went to early in Malkin's career to help him make the adjustment to life in North America.

Malkin edged Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist and Lightning sniper Steven Stamkos for both the Hart Trophy and Ted Lindsay Award.

"I think Malkin deserved it," said Lundqvist. "He was just outstanding this year. Dominated for a long time this year, and personally I was just happy to be nominated."

The Rangers goaltender didn't go home empty-handed. He won his first Vezina Trophy after a season where he posted eight shutouts to help New York claim the top seed in the Eastern Conference.

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NFL. Harvin wants out of Minnesota: Source

Percy Harvin was nowhere to be found at the Minnesota Vikings' mandatory mini-camp practice Wednesday afternoon, and no one seems to know when the receiver will be back.

Unhappy with several issues with the team that drafted him in 2009, Harvin requested a trade, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity.

After participating in a light walk-through practice on Wednesday morning with his teammates, Harvin wasn't present for the full afternoon practice. Head coach Leslie Frazier declined to go into detail on Harvin's absence and said he wasn't sure if one of the team's most important players would be around for the final day Thursday.

"We're going to talk more in detail," Frazier said. "We have a lot of things to talk about." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"We have no interest at all in trading Percy Harvin."

Rick Spielman, Vikings general manager

NBA

OKC assistant lands job as new Orlando GM

The Orlando Magic hired Rob Hennigan to be the team's new general manager on Wednesday.

Hennigan spent the past four seasons with Oklahoma City, including the past two seasons as the Thunder's assistant general manager/player personnel. Prior to joining the Thunder, Hennigan spent four seasons with the San Antonio Spurs.

The Magic still need to find a new head coach after firing Stan Van Gundy last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drew Doughty. Police probe date-rape allegations against Kings defenceman

Police continue to investigate date-rape allegations against Los Angeles Kings defenceman Drew Doughty stemming from an alleged encounter with a woman at a Southern California seaside bar.

Doughty's lawyer, Craig Renetzky, says Hermosa Beach police were investigating the woman's sexual-assault allegations against Doughty, and said the District Attorney's office is expected to decide this week whether to file charges.

Renetzky says the investigation into the alleged incident has been ongoing for a number of months but would give no further details.

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Drew Doughty GETTY IMAGES FILE

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CFL

Former quarterback picked for Walk of Fame

One of the greatest quarterbacks ever to play in the CFL will be part of Canada's Walk of Fame. Russ Jackson, the Hamilton native who guided the Ottawa Rough Riders to three Grey Cup titles, will be inducted Sept. 22. Jackson, 75, spent his entire 12-year CFL career with Ottawa, leading the club to Grey Cup titles in 1960, 1968 and 1969. Jackson was named the CFL's top Canadian four times and its outstanding player on three occasions. A three-time league all-star, Jackson also received the Grey Cup MVP award in 1969.

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On the web

Roger Clemens was acquitted Monday on all charges that he obstructed and lied to Congress in denying he used performance-enhancing drugs. So does the seven-time Cy Young winner now have a better case to be inducted into Cooperstown? Scan the code for the story.

NBA finals

James getting over cramps, eyeing championship

LeBron James has never been here before.

He's been in nearly every imaginable situation over his nine seasons marked by three MVP awards, three trips to the NBA finals with two teams, and one decision that changed everything.

And now this: For the first time, he's one win from a championship.

"I have a job to do," James said Wednesday. "And my job is not done."

The job may get done Thursday night, when the Miami Heat — up 3-1 in this title series — host the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 5 of the finals. Even after leaving Game 4 late with a cramp, James is on the cusp of finally becoming a champ. He was swept in his first finals trip in 2007, then he and the Heat fell in the 2011 title series in six games.

James got treatment again Wednesday but said soreness that followed the cramps in his left leg was easing. He could not finish Game 4, though he returned after the first wave of cramps hit and delivered a key three-pointer.

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LeBron James GETTY IMAGES

NBA finals

Harden expected to play Game 5

Oklahoma City reserve James Harden has a bruised left hand but is expected to play Thursday in Game 5 of the NBA finals.

Harden was hurt during the Thunder's 104-98 loss to the Miami Heat on Tuesday. A Thunder spokesman says Harden took part in some of Wednesday's practice, but also iced his hand and sat out a portion.

The Sixth Man of the Year's struggles have helped the Heat build a 3-1 lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chief ref admits mistake on Ukraine goal

Ukraine should have been awarded a goal in its European Championship game against England, UEFA refereeing chief Pierluigi Collina said Wednesday.

"We made a mistake," Collina said. "I wish we hadn't made the mistake but we did. Referees are human beings and human beings make mistakes."

England defender John Terry made a goal-line clearance in the decisive group match in Donetsk, Ukraine on Tuesday, but replays showed the ball was over the line. England led 1-0 at the time.

Collina said Hungarian referee Viktor Kassai and his team of assistants would play no further part in the tournament, but no blame was attributed to the referee. He said Kassai would have found himself under too much pressure if he had stayed.

"Kassai is one of the best referees in Europe," Collina said.

Collina and UEFA executives faced hostile questioning about Tuesday's decision and the use of goal-line technology, which is being tested by FIFA.

UEFA said that of 302 close decisions made by referees in the 24 matches so far, 289 of them were correct and 13 incorrect, a 95.7 per cent accuracy rate.

"That's a huge result, even though we must still improve," Collina said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"After (Tuesday) night's match, (goal-line technology) is no longer an alternative but a necessity."

FIFA president Sepp Blatter on Twitter Wednesday.

Ronaldo key to Portugal's success against Czechs

Euro 2012. Czech Republic coach Bilik puts emphasis on smothering Portuguese star

Cristiano Ronaldo scores his team's second goal past Maarten Stekelenburg of the Netherlands Sunday in Kharkov, Ukraine. IAN WALTON/GETTY IMAGES

Cristiano Ronaldo now gets the royal, reverential treatment at the European Championship even from some of his opponents.

The Czech Republic faces Portugal on Thursday and by now, most are in such awe of the creative talents of the Real Madrid superstar that there is no point in hiding tactics.

It is clear that Portugal will seek to push Ronaldo forward to expose the Czech defence, and equally clear that Czech coach Michal Bilik has already planned on how to deny him the necessary space to spread his magic.

"If Ronaldo runs, it is impossible to stop him," Bilik said on the eve of the quarter-final. "We have to close the defence and not give him any space."

If the opponents are already full of admiration, Ronaldo's own teammates tried to outdo one another.

Midfielder Joao Moutinho called Ronaldo the best in the world — better even than Lionel Messi — and coach Paulo Bento protected him when his lack of defending was questioned.

"Every player has his own function or task," Bento said. "We try to combine this in the best possible way."

This comes after Ronaldo was criticized for two wasteful games that put Portugal on the brink of elimination. Then he produced two goals and perhaps his best international game in a 2-1 come-from-behind win over the Netherlands to earn Portugal a spot in the quarter-finals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Past matches

- The Czech Republic and Portugal have met twice since the split of Czechoslovakia in 1993. Both encounters took place at European Championships.
- The Czechs stunned Portugal 1-0 in the 1996 quarter-finals in England, while the Portuguese won a group-stage match 3-1 in 2008 at the tournament co-hosted by Austria and Switzerland.

Euro 2012. French squad had 'heated' locker-room spat

Florent Malouda GETTY IMAGES FILE

Tensions are creeping into the French camp at the European Championship, with the players involved in a "heated" bust-up following the team's 2-0 loss to Sweden.

France, which was hit by internal strife at the 2010 World Cup, capitulated against the Swedes on Tuesday and would have lost more heavily if goalkeeper Hugo Lloris had not made several saves.

Although the defeat did not prevent France from advancing to a quarter-final against Spain, the manner of it exasperated coach Laurent Blanc and senior players like Florent Malouda.

"Yes, it got a bit heated, but then everyone had a cold shower," Blanc said Wednesday. "It shows that there was a bit of electricity. I hope there will be against Spain, because we'll need it."

Malouda chose not to speak to the media after the defeat as he was afraid of what he might say. He was part of the World Cup squad that shocked a nation by going on strike at training two years ago after Nicolas Anelka was sent home.

"What I saw (against Sweden) awoke some demons in me and I didn't want to express myself," Malouda said. "Because in the heat of the moment there was the risk of launching rockets and missiles."

France has worked hard to rebuild its image since Blanc replaced the unpopular Raymond Domenech, but Malouda raised concerns that a casual attitude could be returning — and he wants it stamped out. Malouda fears the French could get thrashed by Spain if they don't improve their attitude.

"It's at times like these that you really need a discussion between the players. Because if we don't sort things out before Saturday, with the opponent we have coming up, the bill could be expensive," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reaction

Ukraine PM saw goal from stands

Ukraine's prime minister says even he saw the ball cross the line.

Mykola Azarov attended the European Championship soccer match between his country and England on Tuesday night, when Ukraine striker Marko Devic's shot appeared to go over the line before being cleared away by defender John Terry.

"If I saw from the stands that the ball had crossed the goal line, the referee was bound to see that," Azarov said in an interview Wednesday.

He called on UEFA to "draw conclusions about this refereeing ... so that such incidents don't take place in the future."

"These days there are five referees on the pitch, including a referee near the line who was obliged to have registered the goal," he added.

If the goal had been awarded, Ukraine would have tied the score at 1-1.

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Italy-England

Azzurri set for 'dream' matchup

Italy hasn't met England in a major tournament in 22 years, and the excitement among the Azzurri for Sunday's European Championship quarter-final match is palpable.

Midfielder Daniele De Rossi can't wait to measure himself against Steven Gerrard, while reserve forward Alessandro Diamanti called the match in Kyiv "a dream" that he thought could only be realized on a computer game. "It's not like we're discovering England now," De Rossi said Wednesday.

"Gerrard has always been my idol and he's a player who's been at the top level of the game for 10 years. But they've also got many interesting young players, especially on the wings."

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Itay's Daniele De Rossi at a training session on Tuesday in Krakow, Poland. CLAUDIO VILLA/GETTY IMAGES

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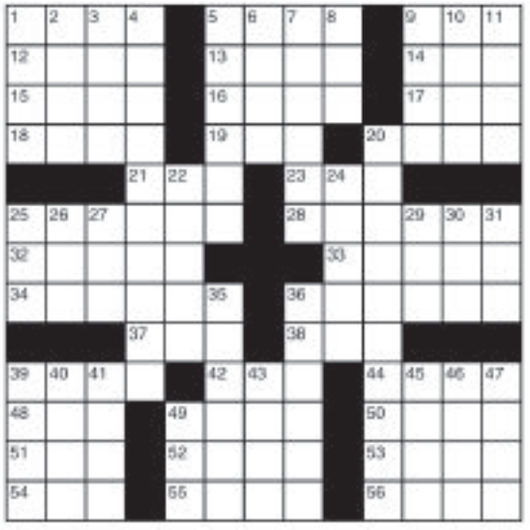

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

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This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY WALL-COVERING BUSINESS HAS BEEN GETTING MUCH SLOWER. YOU MIGHT SAY PAPERING IS TAPERING.

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. Travel and social activities are well starred today and for several days to come, so get up and get at 'em.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will be tempted to splash out on pretty things, both for yourself and as gifts for other people. It's good of you to be so generous but can you really afford it?

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. By all means, make an effort to see things from someone else's point of view but don't go too far and betray your own beliefs.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You want to do good deeds for people but don't spend so much time helping strangers that you neglect those you are closest to emotionally.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. In some people's eyes, you have been a bit too self-obsessed of late. Time to remind them you're a nice guy.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. People in positions of authority will go out of their way to help you today. This may surprise you considering how difficult they have been in recent weeks but it's not a trick.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Venus, your ruler, is aligned with Uranus, planet of changes, so if you need to shake things up a bit, you'll find it easy to do so.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. The intensity of your feelings may surprise you today, but only because you have bottled up your emotions for so long. Something will happen that brings it all out into the open.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Partnerships generally and affairs of the heart in particular will improve to no end over the next few days.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Something you took a bit too seriously in the past will no longer worry you. In fact, you'll put it out of your mind for good.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. No matter how much your creative efforts may have been hindered in the past, you will find it easy to sidestep obstructions and do something extraordinary now.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Try to be a bit more discerning about who you show warmth and regard for. Yes, of course, each soul is precious but you cannot give your heart to everyone. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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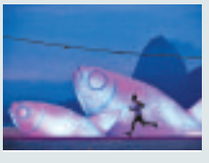

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